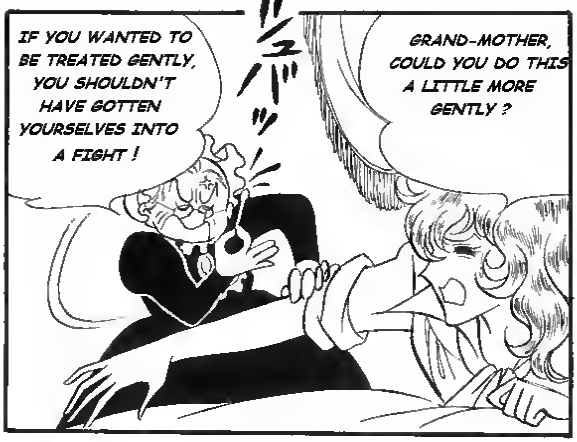
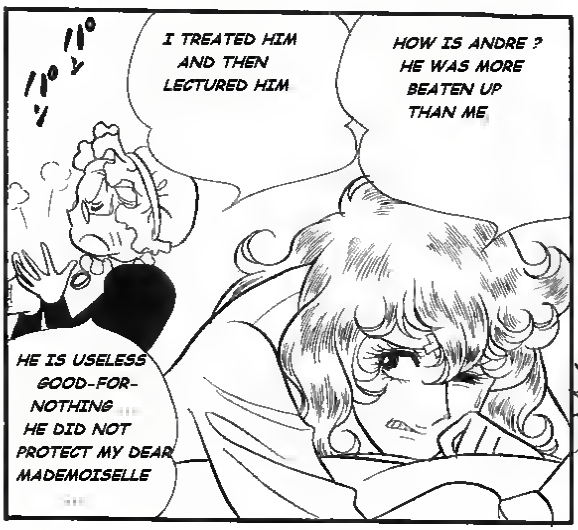
The Rose of Versailles

VOLUME 4

Catch the Black Knight


IF YOU WANTED TO BE TREATED GENTLY, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN YOURSELVES INTO A FIGHT !
GRAND-MOTHER, COULD YOU DO THIS A LITTLE MORE GENTLY ?


I TREATED HIM AND THEN LECTURED HIM
HOW IS ANDRE ? HE WAS MORE BEATEN UP THAN ME
HE IS USELESS GOOD-FOR-NOTHING HE DID NOT PROTECT MY DEAR MADEMOISELLE

HIS WOUNDS DID NOT SEEM TO GET BETTER
Hmpf ! SHE IS STILL STRONG FOR HER AGE !

OUUCH !!!
OW ! OUCH !

A COLONEL OF THE ROYAL GUARDS ? IT'S THE QUEEN'S PUPPY !?
ROBESPIERRE !!!
HE IS NOW A LAWYER IN THE PARLIAMENT
...
HE CALLED ME 'THE QUEEN'S PUPPY' !!
THAT MAN, WHAT WAS HIS NAME ?
LAST NIGHT, SHE WAITED FOR YOU AND SHE DID NOT GET ANY SLEEP AT ALL !
LOOK !!!

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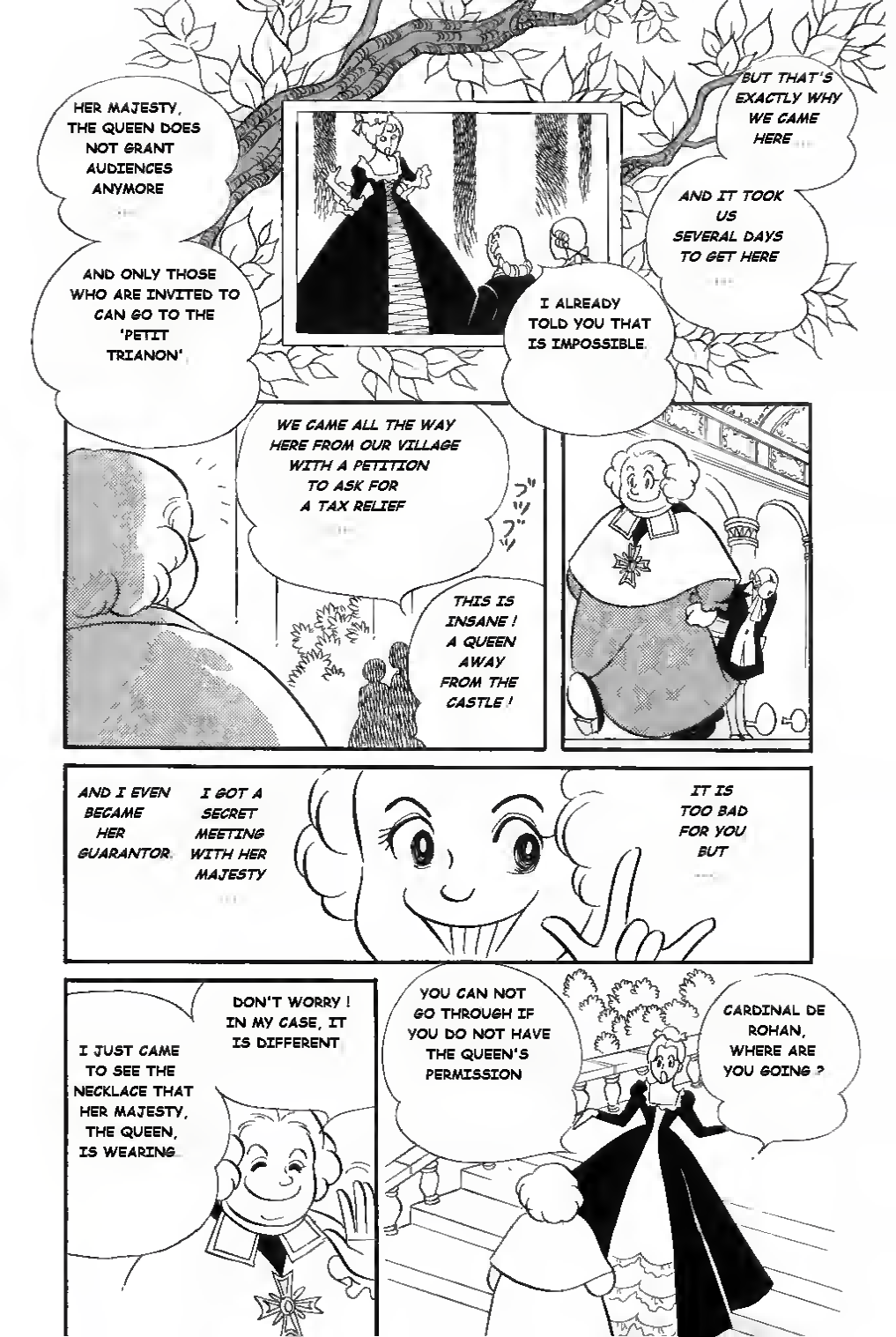
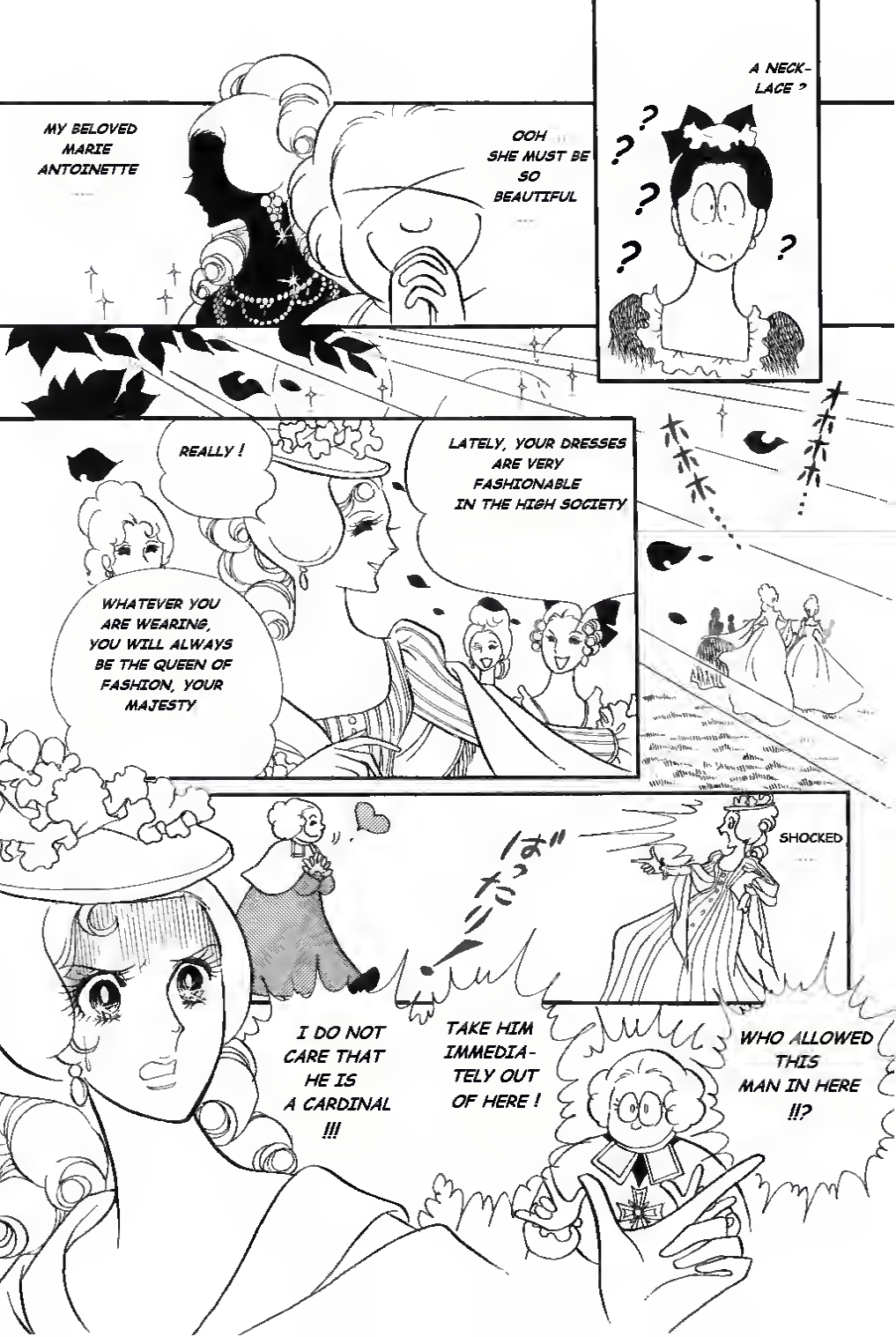
MADE-MOISELLE OSCAR ?
ROSALIE
COME HERE
I AM SORRY THAT WE MADE YOU WORRY
YOU STAYED AWAKE ALL NIGHT ?

NO
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT YOU CAME BACK
IT'S NOTHING I AM ALL RIGHT
I WOULD HAVE MADE YOU MY WIFE WITHOUT ANY HESITATION
IF I WAS A MAN
MADE-MOISELLE OSCAR !
IF I WAS A MAN
EVERYTHING WOULD BE MUCH EASIER !
MADE-MOISELLE OSCAR !?


HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN DOES NOT GRANT AUDIENCES ANYMORE
AND ONLY THOSE WHO ARE INVITED TO CAN GO TO THE 'PETIT TRIANON'
I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE
BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE CAME HERE
AND IT TOOK US SEVERAL DAYS TO GET HERE
WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE FROM OUR VILLAGE WITH A PETITION TO ASK FOR A TAX RELIEF
THIS IS INSANE ! A QUEEN AWAY FROM THE CASTLE !
AND I EVEN BECAME HER GUARANTOR
I GOT A SECRET MEETING WITH HER MAJESTY
IT IS TOO BAD FOR YOU BUT
I JUST CAME TO SEE THE NECKLACE THAT HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN, IS WEARING
DON'T WORRY ! IN MY CASE, IT IS DIFFERENT
YOU CAN NOT GO THROUGH IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE QUEEN'S PERMISSION
CARDINAL DE ROHAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?


MY BELOVED MARIE ANTOINETTE
OOH SHE MUST BE SO BEAUTIFUL
A NECK-LACE ?
REALLY !
LATELY, YOUR DRESSES ARE VERY FASHIONABLE IN THE HIGH SOCIETY
WHATEVER YOU ARE WEARING, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THE QUEEN OF FASHION, YOUR MAJESTY
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SHOCKED
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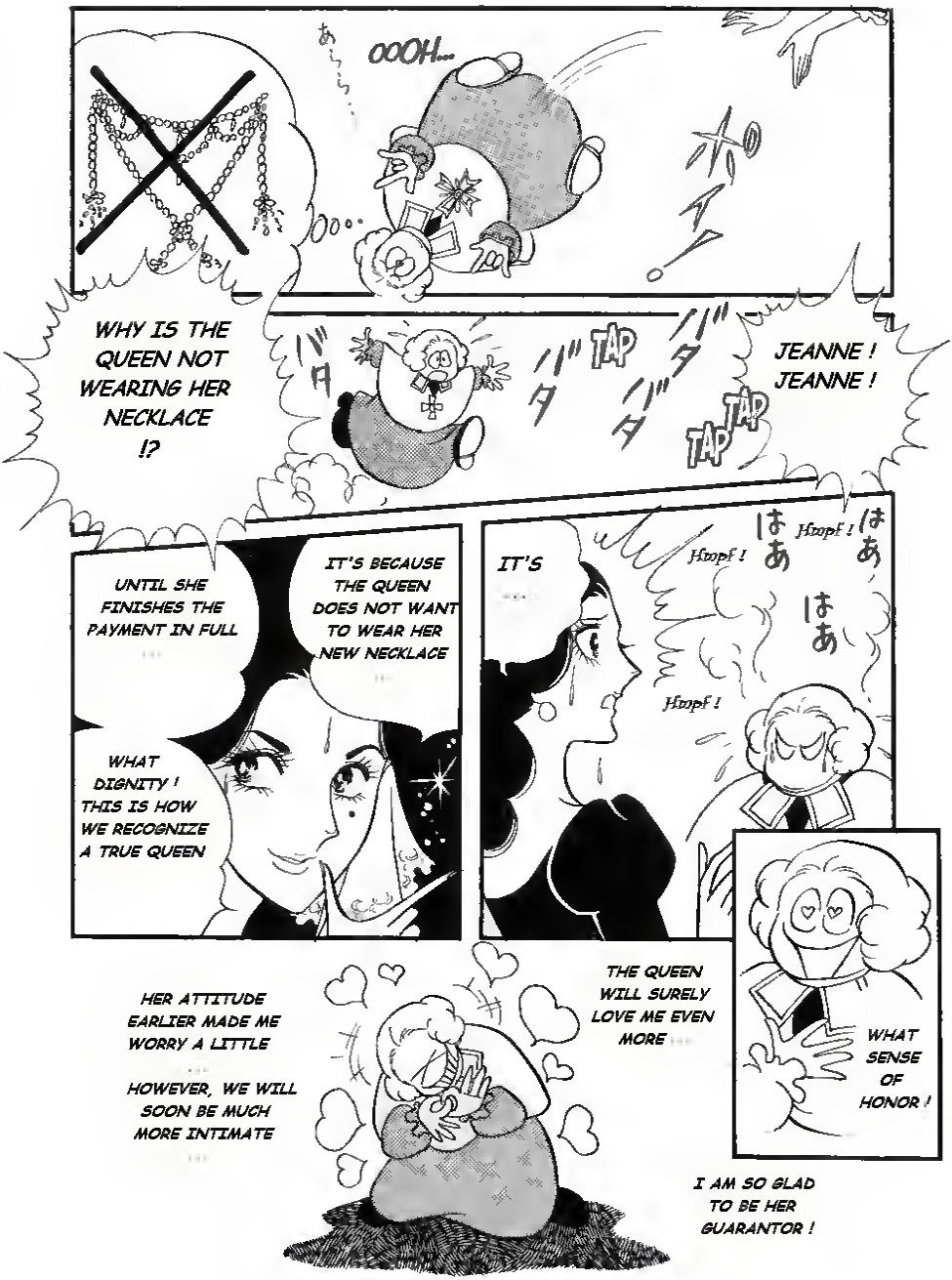
I DO NOT CARE THAT HE IS A CARDINAL !!!
TAKE HIM IMMEDIA-TELY OUT OF HERE !
WHO ALLOWED THIS MAN IN HERE !!?


OOOH...
WHY IS THE QUEEN NOT WEARING HER NECKLACE !?
JEANNE ! JEANNE !
TAP
UNTIL SHE FINISHES THE PAYMENT IN FULL
IT'S BECAUSE THE QUEEN DOES NOT WANT TO WEAR HER NEW NECKLACE
WHAT DIGNITY ! THIS IS HOW WE RECOGNIZE A TRUE QUEEN
IT'S
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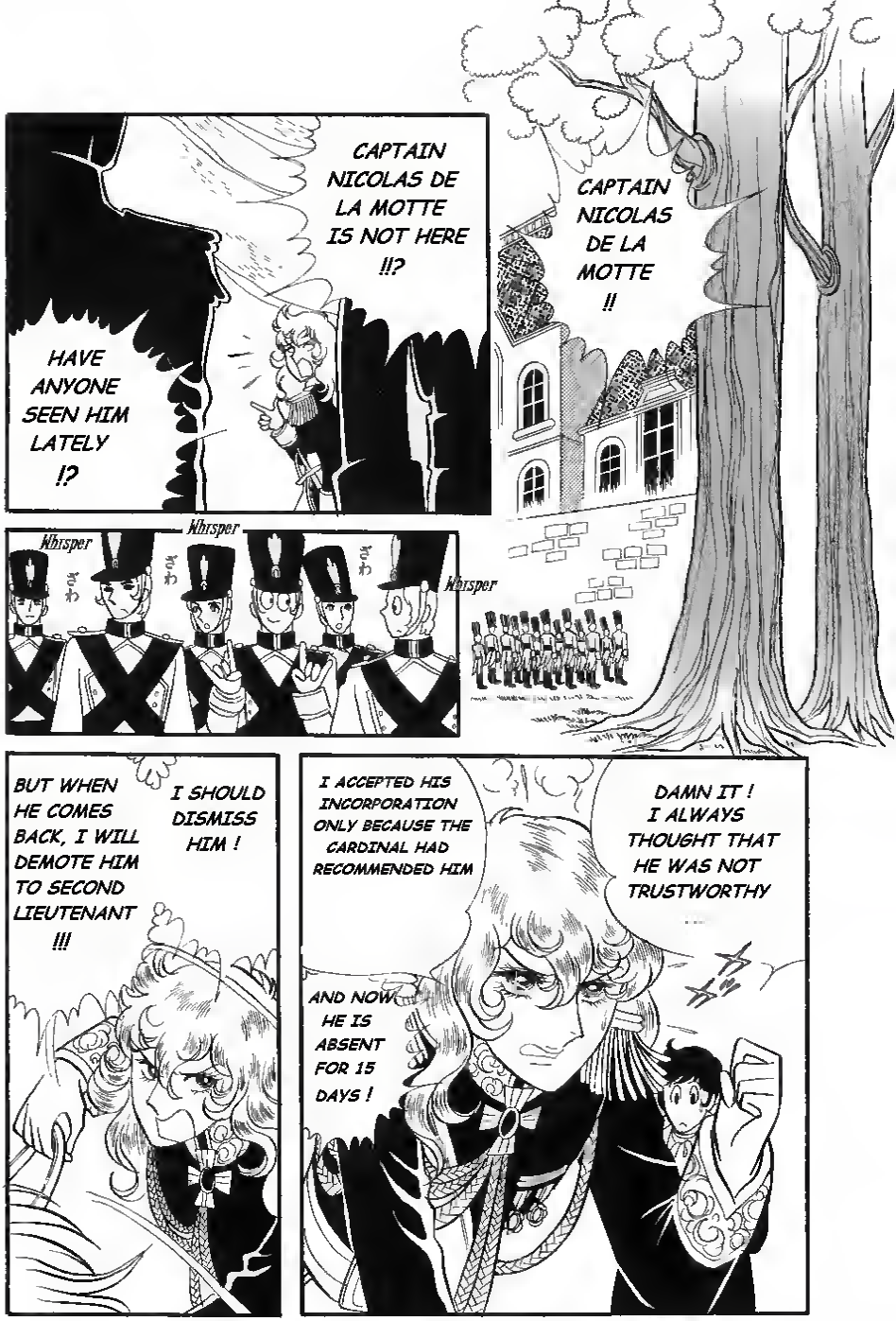
WHAT SENSE OF HONOR !
HER ATTITUDE EARLIER MADE ME WORRY A LITTLE
HOWEVER, WE WILL SOON BE MUCH MORE INTIMATE
THE QUEEN WILL SURELY LOVE ME EVEN MORE
I AM SO GLAD TO BE HER GUARANTOR !


CAPTAIN NICOLAS DE LA MOTTE IS NOT HERE !!?
HAVE ANYONE SEEN HIM LATELY !?
CAPTAIN NICOLAS DE LA MOTTE !!
Whisper
Whisper
Whisper
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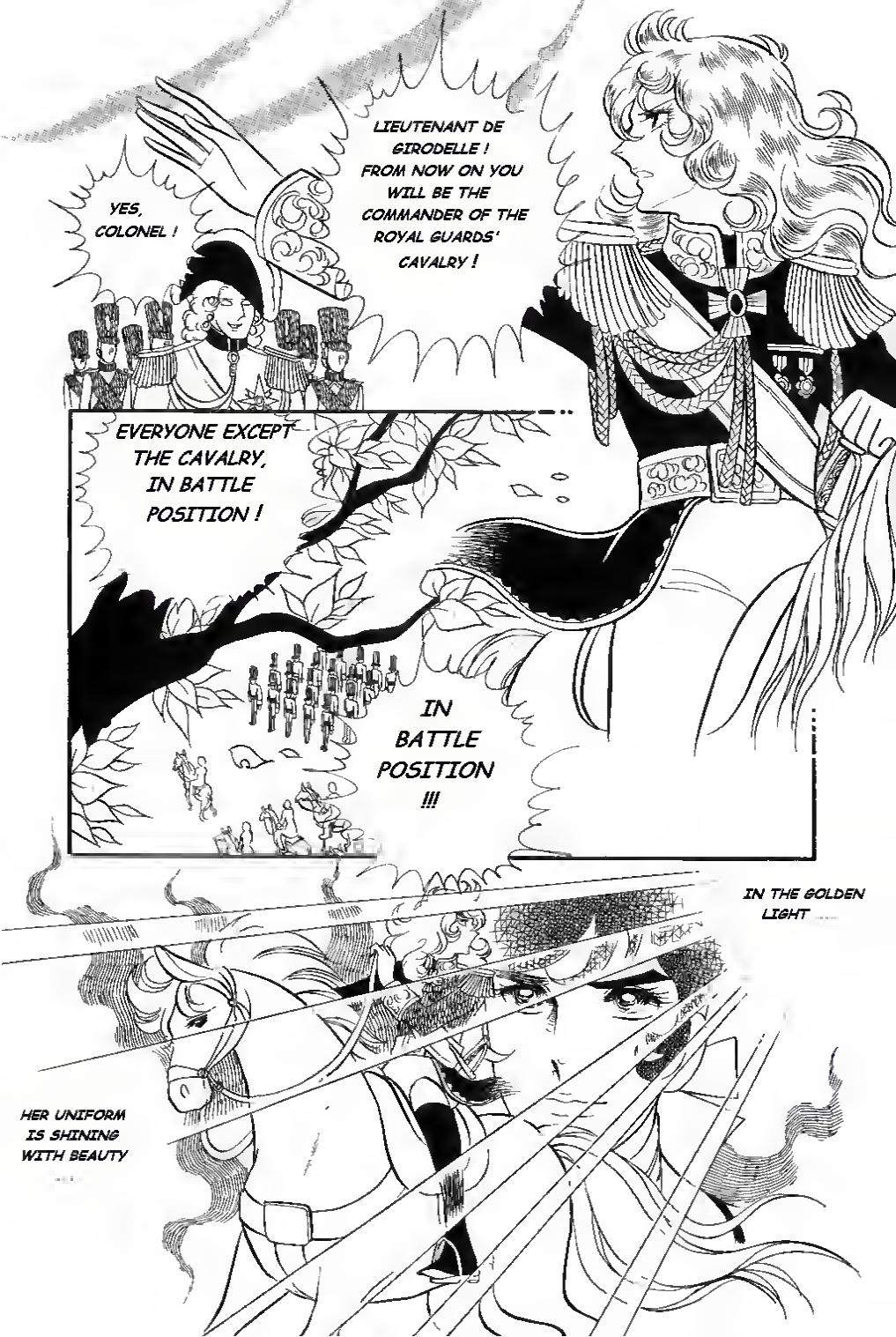
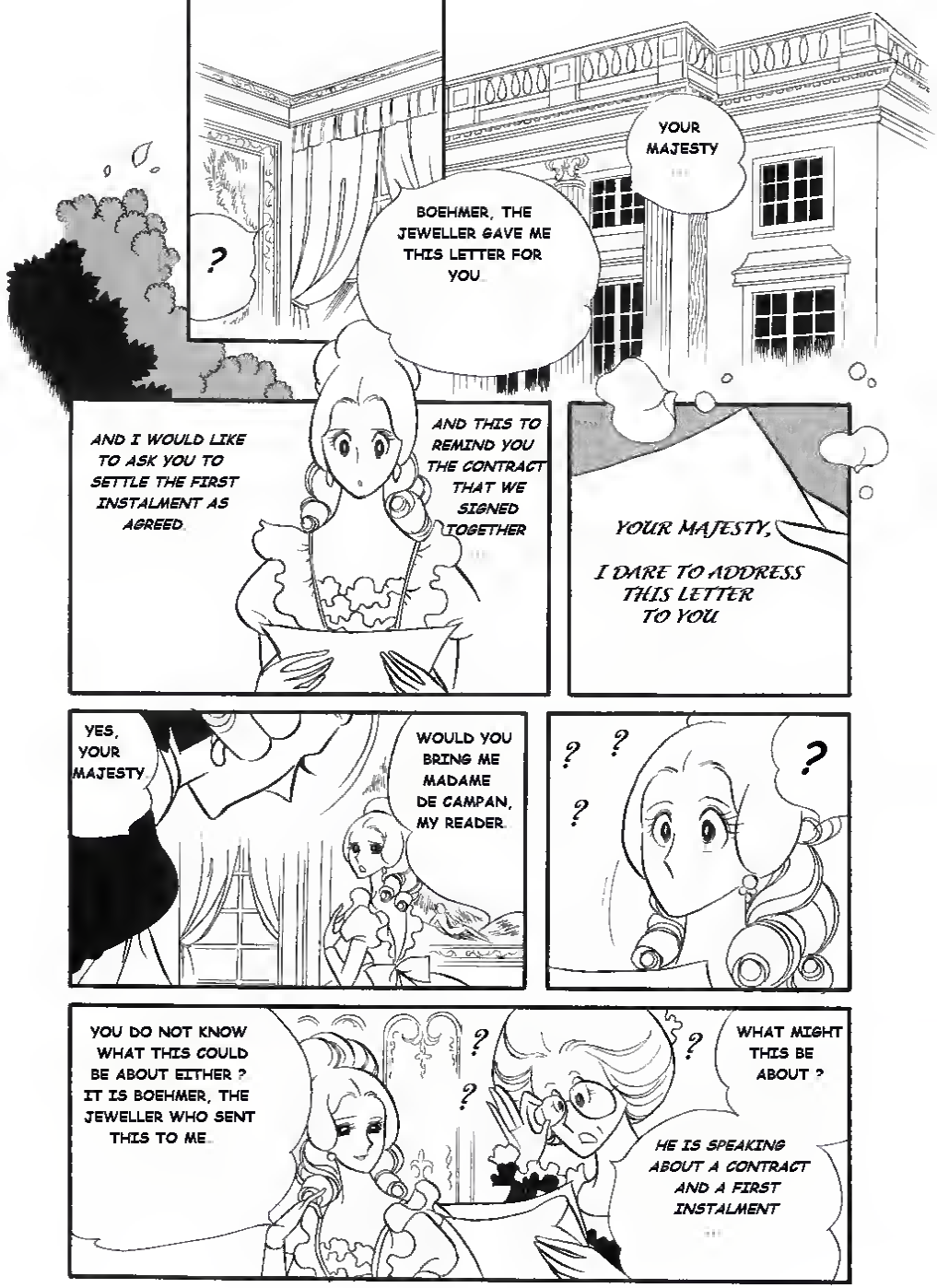
BUT WHEN HE COMES BACK, I WILL DEMOTE HIM TO SECOND LIEUTENANT !!!
I SHOULD DISMISS HIM !
I ACCEPTED HIS INCORPORATION ONLY BECAUSE THE CARDINAL HAD RECOMMENDED HIM
AND NOW HE IS ABSENT FOR 15 DAYS !
DAMN IT ! I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT HE WAS NOT TRUSTWORTHY


YES, COLONEL !
LIEUTENANT DE GIRODELLE ! FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE THE COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL GUARDS' CAVALRY !
EVERYONE EXCEPT THE CAVALRY, IN BATTLE POSITION !
IN BATTLE POSITION !!!
IN THE GOLDEN LIGHT ...
HER UNIFORM IS SHINING WITH BEAUTY ...

HER BLUE EYES ... HER FIGURE ...
HER GOLDEN BLOND HAIR BLOWING IN THE WIND
ON HORSE-BACK, SHE COMMANDS WITH EASE ...
HER GOLDEN BLOND HAIR BLOWING IN THE WIND ...
REMINDS ME OF PEGASUS' WINGS GALOPPING IN THE SKY ...
HER GOLDEN BLOND HAIR BLOWING IN THE WIND ...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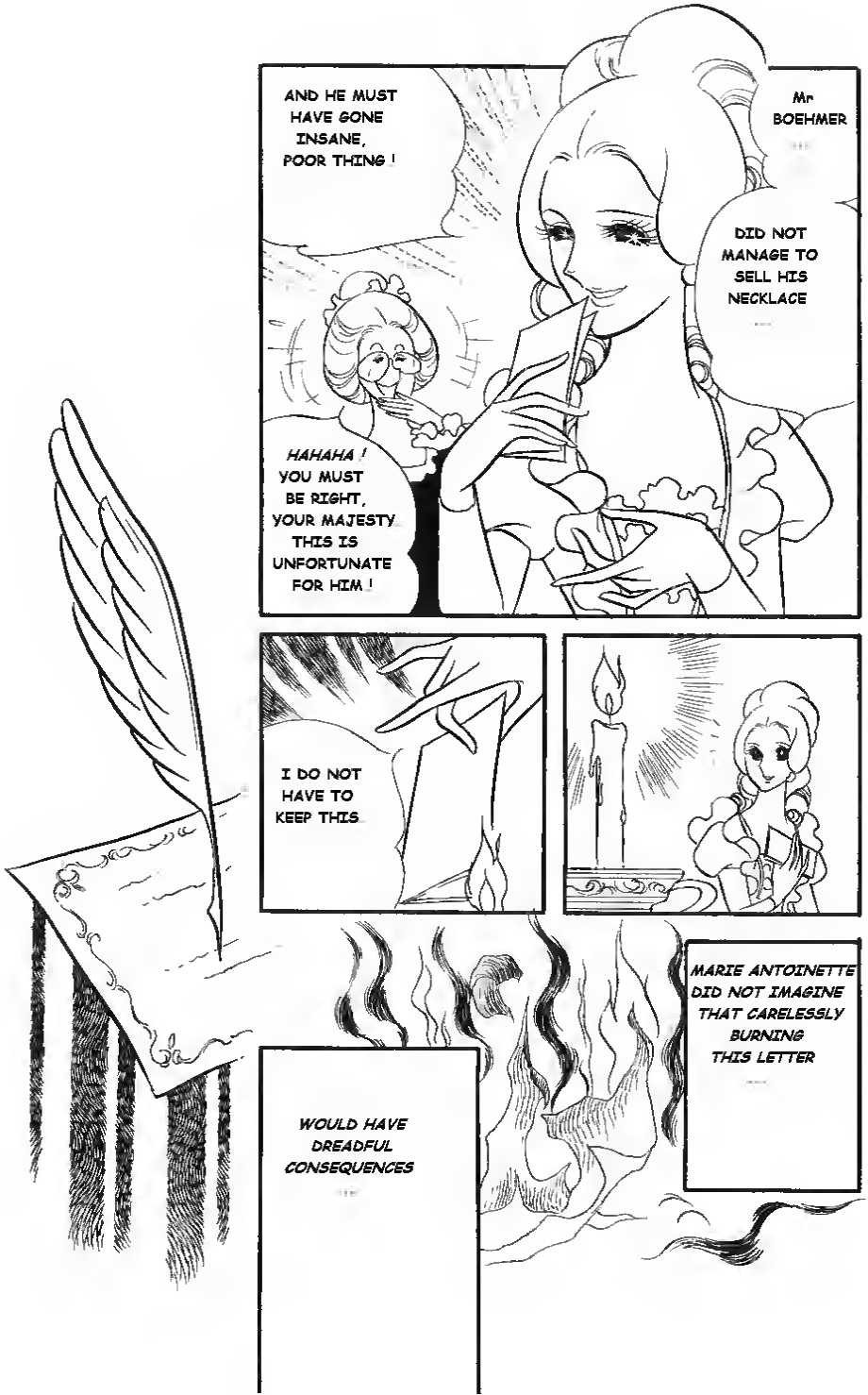
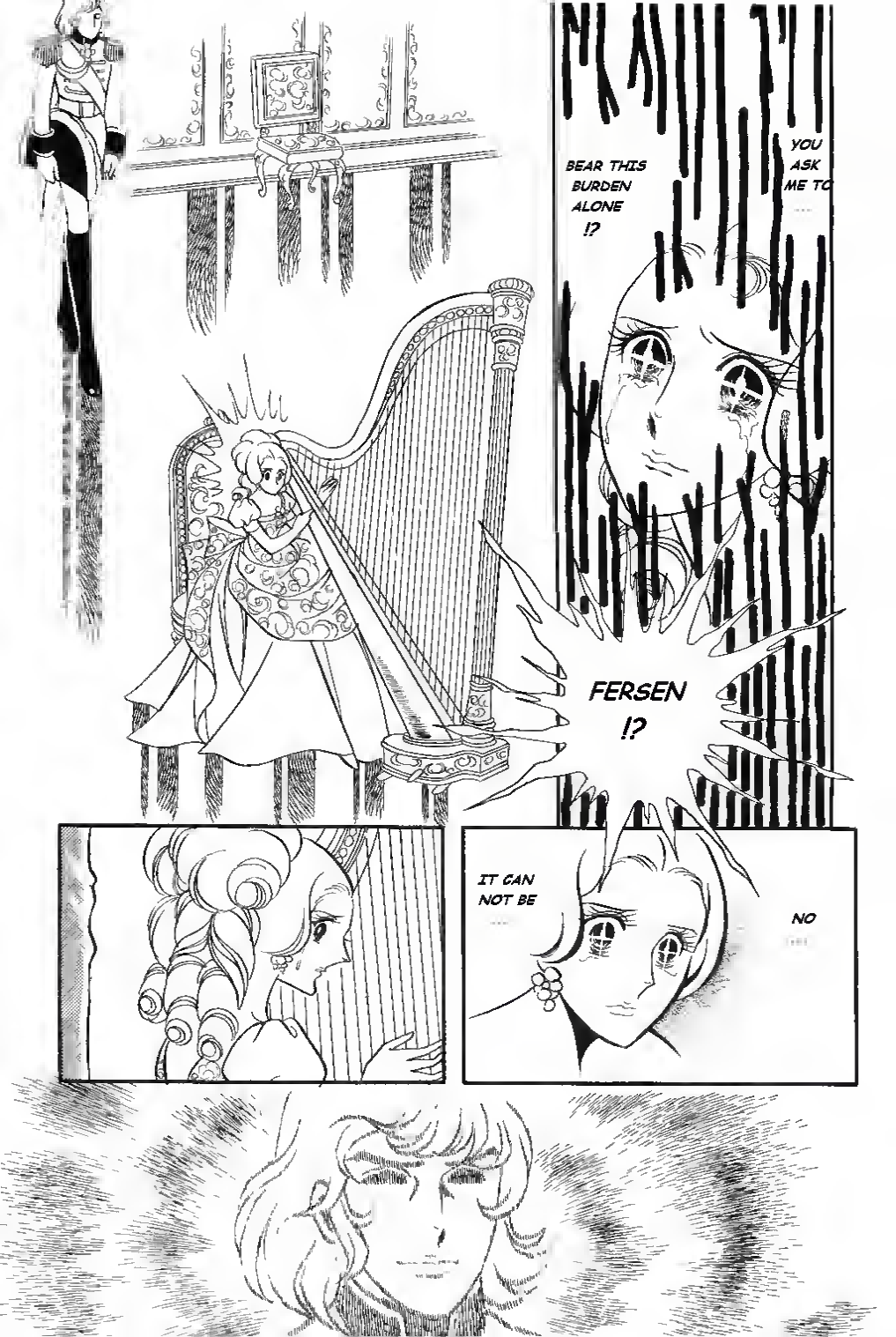
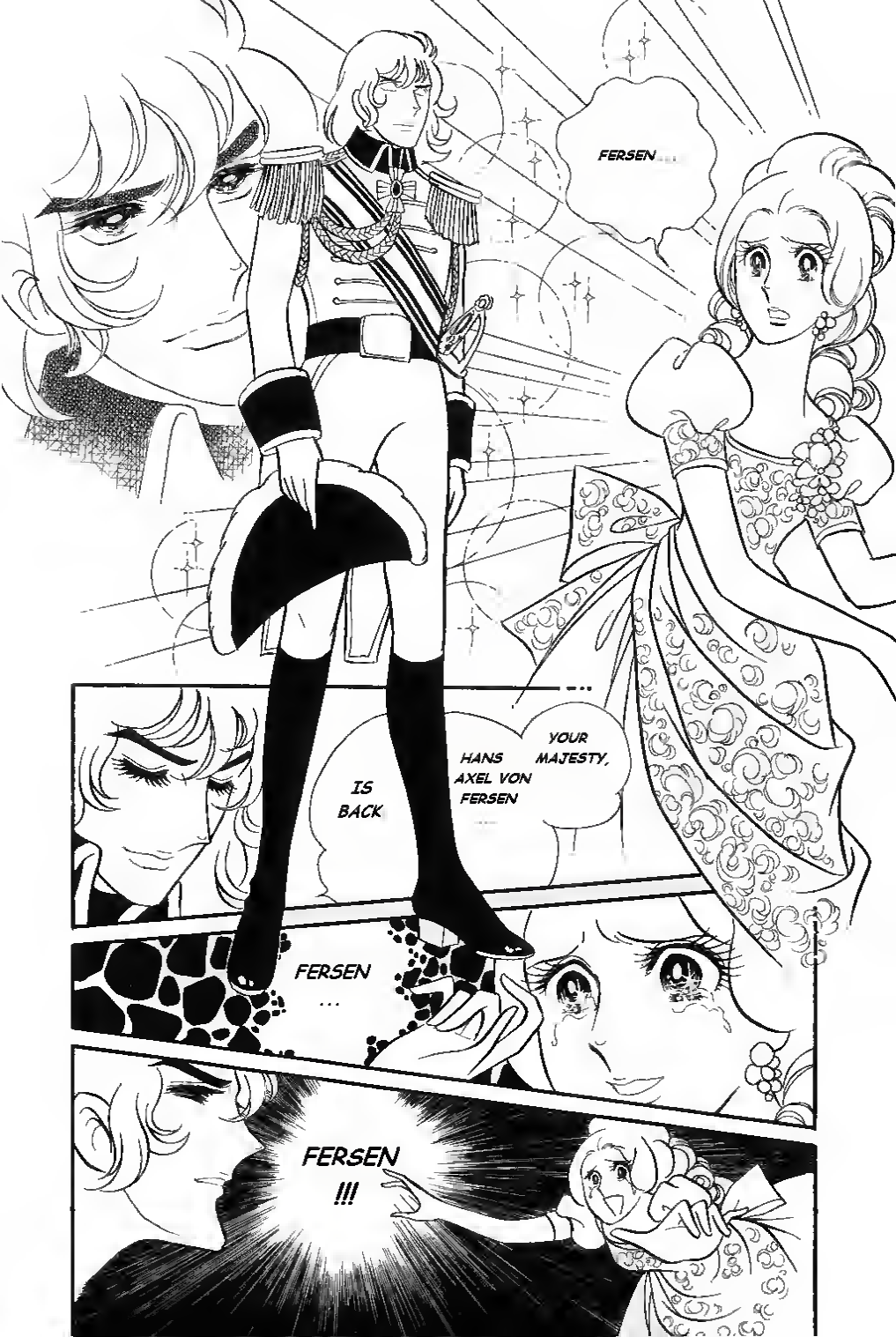
BOEHMER, THE JEWELLER GAVE ME THIS LETTER FOR YOU
YOUR MAJESTY
AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO SETTLE THE FIRST INSTALMENT AS AGREED
AND THIS TO REMIND YOU THE CONTRACT THAT WE SIGNED TOGETHER
YOUR MAJESTY,
I DARE TO ADDRESS THIS LETTER TO YOU
YES, YOUR MAJESTY
WOULD YOU BRING ME MADAME DE CAMPAN, MY READER
? ? ? ? ?
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT THIS COULD BE ABOUT EITHER ? IT IS BOEHMER, THE JEWELLER WHO SENT THIS TO ME
? ? ?
WHAT MIGHT THIS BE ABOUT ?
HE IS SPEAKING ABOUT A CONTRACT AND A FIRST INSTALMENT

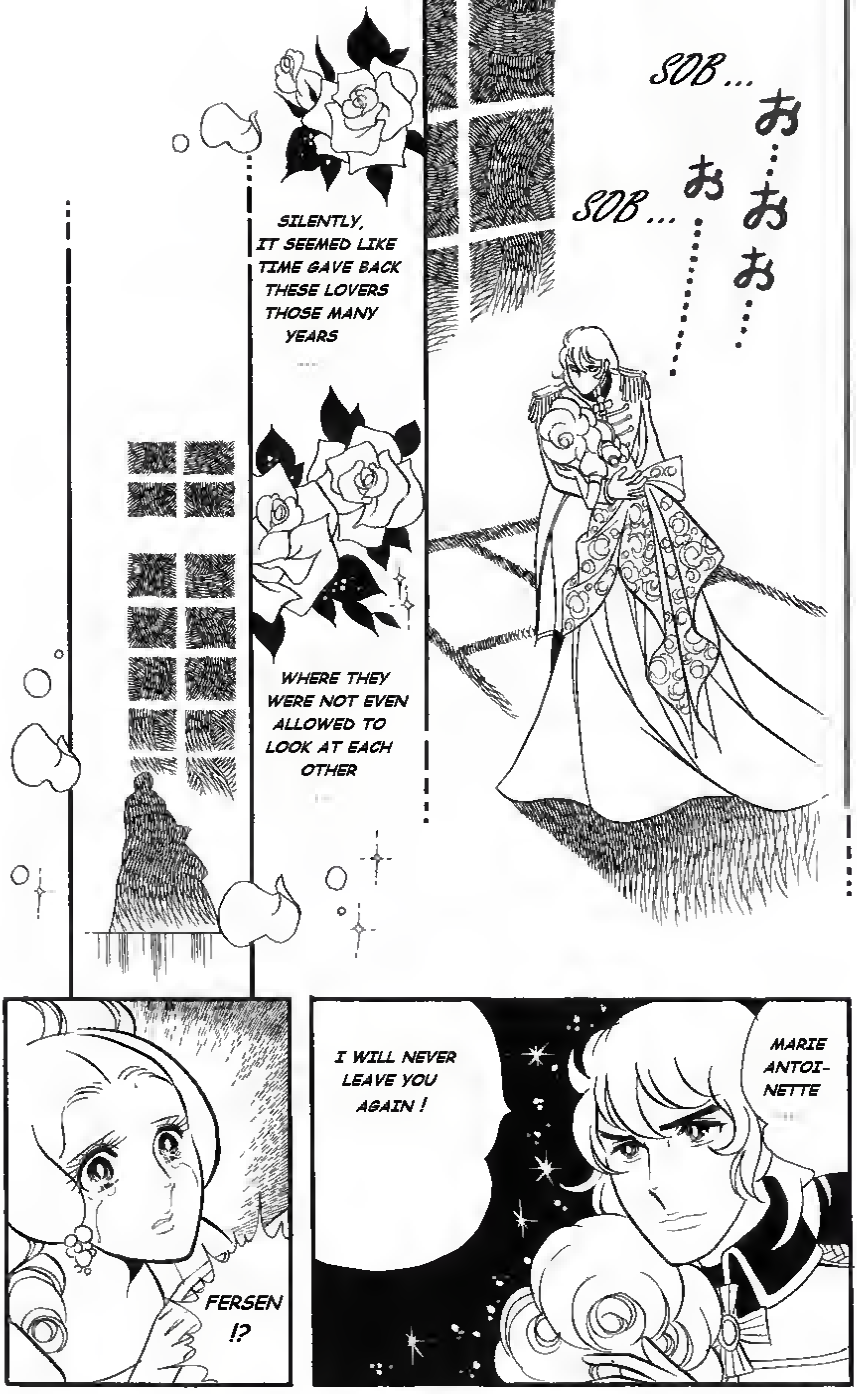

AND HE MUST HAVE GONE INSANE, POOR THING !
Mr BOEHMER
DID NOT MANAGE TO SELL HIS NECKLACE
HAHAHA ! YOU MUST BE RIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY THIS IS UNFORTUNATE FOR HIM !
I DO NOT HAVE TO KEEP THIS
MARIE ANTOINETTE DID NOT IMAGINE THAT CARELESSLY BURNING THIS LETTER
WOULD HAVE DREADFUL CONSEQUENCES

MY LOVED ONE IN HIS UNIFORM
FIRE, BULLETS AND FLYING ARROWS
THE MAN, I LOVE, IS IN THE MUD OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY
WENT TO WAR
YOU HAVE JUST LEFT ME THIS LOVE IN THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
YOU DID NOT COME BACK


YOU ASK ME TO ...
BEAR THIS BURDEN ALONE !?
FERSEN !?
IT CAN NOT BE ...
NO ...


FERSEN...
...
YOUR MAJESTY, HANS AXEL VON FERSEN IS BACK
FERSEN ...
FERSEN !!!

FERSEN!!!
I FELL ILL JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE
AND I HAD TO STAY ALONE IN AMERICA
OH ! THESE EYES, THIS MOUTH AND THIS BEAUTIFUL HAIR
FERSEN, THIS IS REALLY YOU !!
I AM NOT DREAMING !?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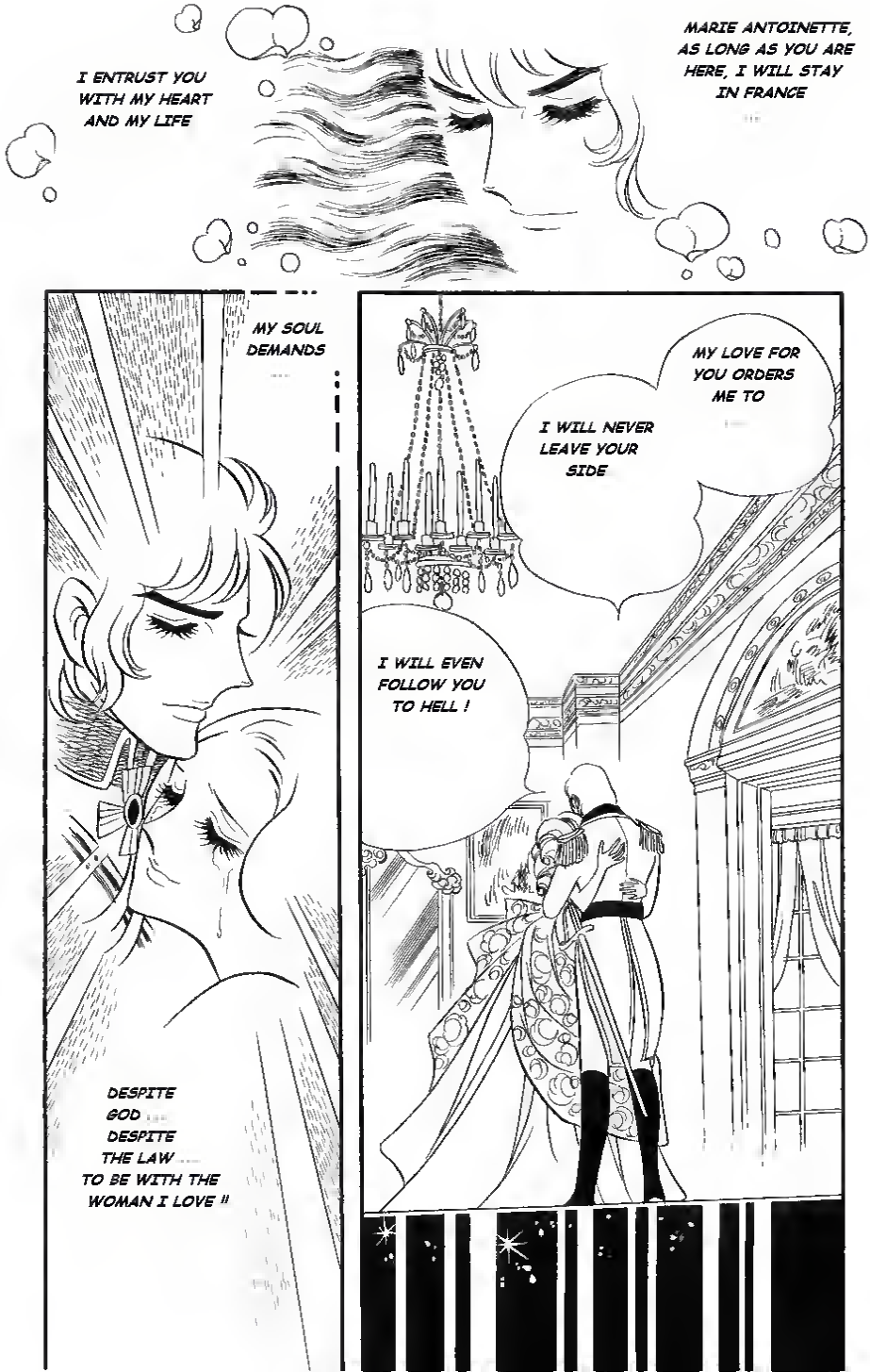
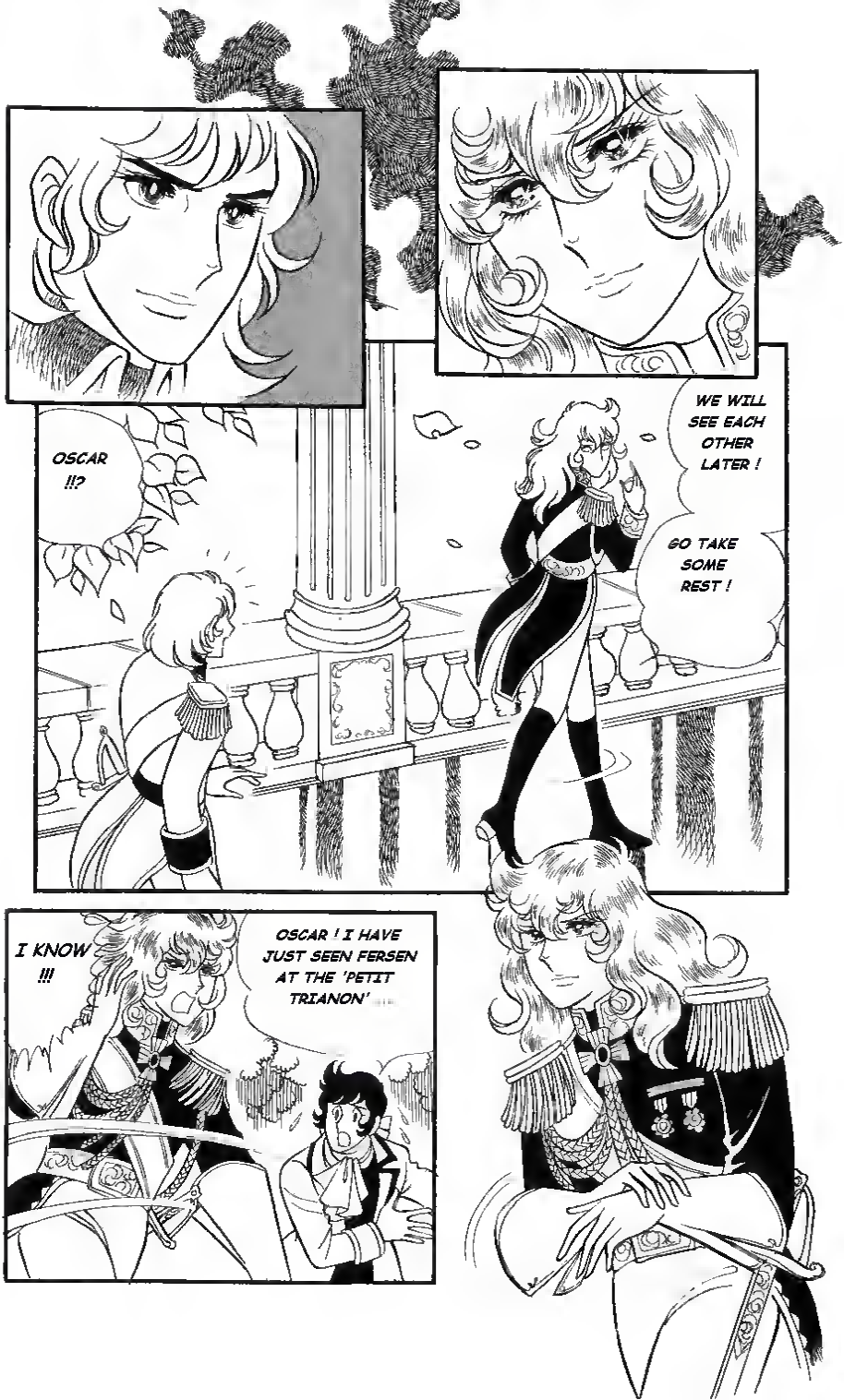
SILENTLY, IT SEEMED LIKE TIME GAVE BACK THESE LOVERS THOSE MANY YEARS
WHERE THEY WERE NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO LOOK AT EACH OTHER
FERSEN !?
I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU AGAIN !
MARIE ANTOI-NETTE


I ENTRUST YOU WITH MY HEART AND MY LIFE
MARIE ANTOINETTE, AS LONG AS YOU ARE HERE, I WILL STAY IN FRANCE
MY SOUL DEMANDS ...
DESPITE GOD ... DESPITE THE LAW ... TO BE WITH THE WOMAN I LOVE !!
MY LOVE FOR YOU ORDERS ME TO ...
I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOUR SIDE
I WILL EVEN FOLLOW YOU TO HELL !

FERSEN !!
OSCAR .... I AM SORRY THAT I MADE YOU WORRY
OH ! FERSEN .... !
I AM BACK AT LAST
..
YES .... I FELL ILL THERE
YOU HAVE LOST SOME WEIGHT
I AM GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN AMONG US !!


OSCAR !!?
WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER LATER !
GO TAKE SOME REST !
I KNOW !!!
OSCAR ! I HAVE JUST SEEN FERSEN AT THE 'PETIT TRIANON'

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, OSCAR ?
OSCAR!!!
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OSCAR!!!
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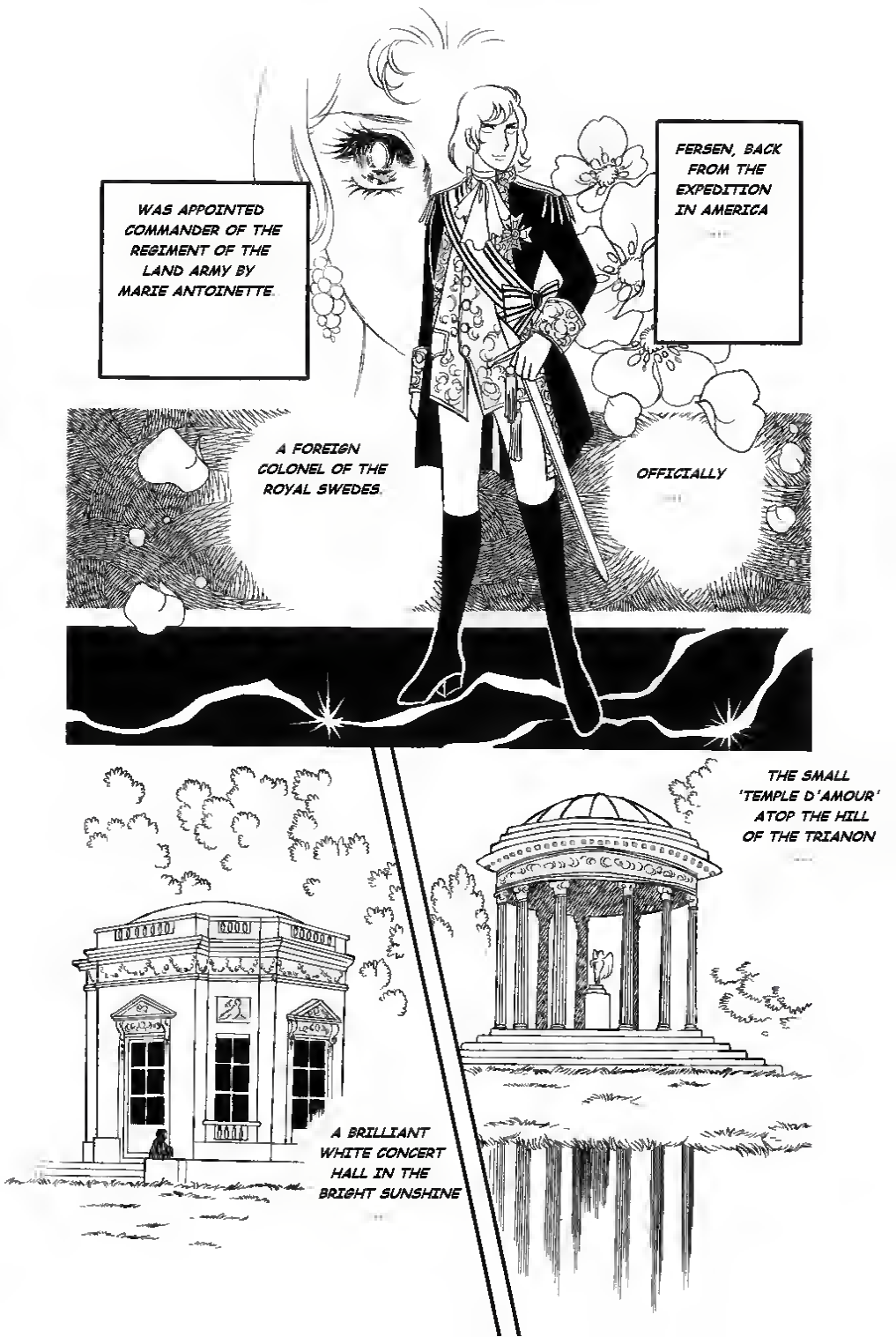
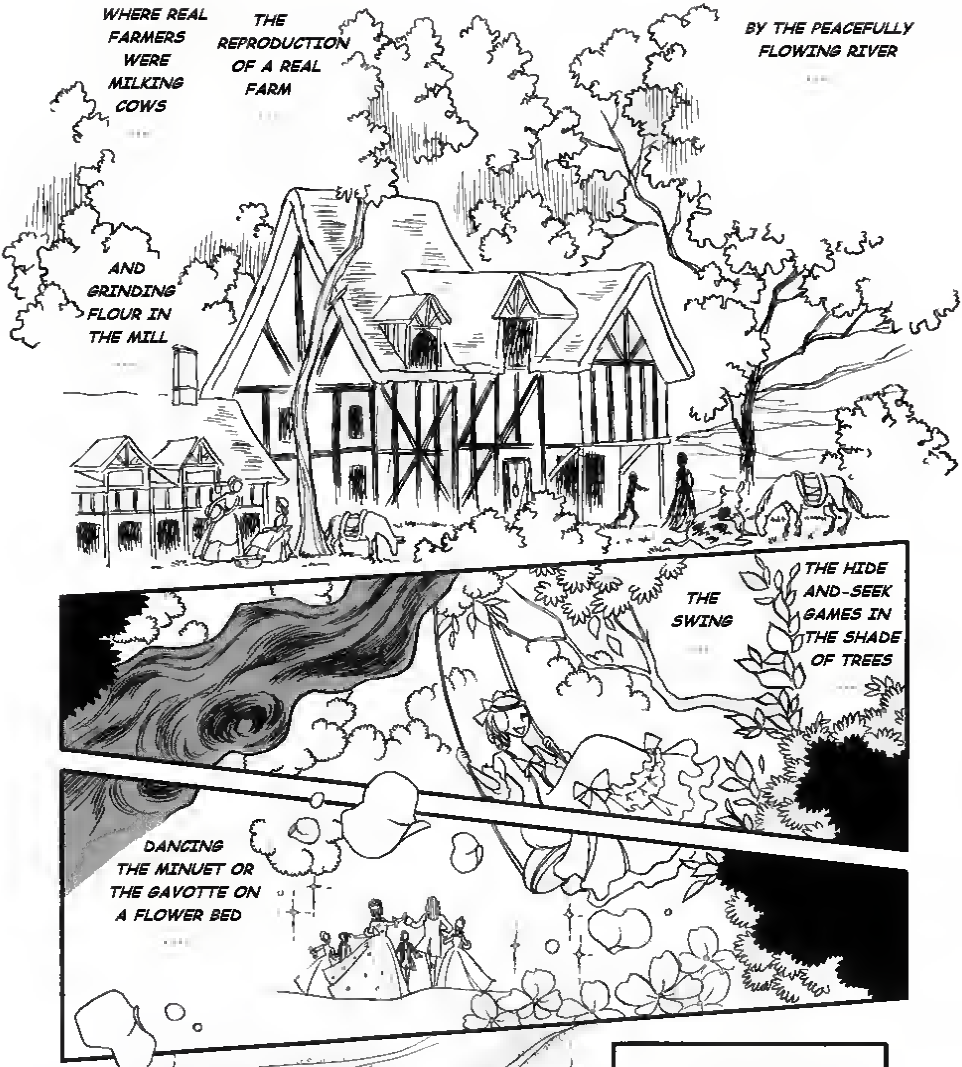
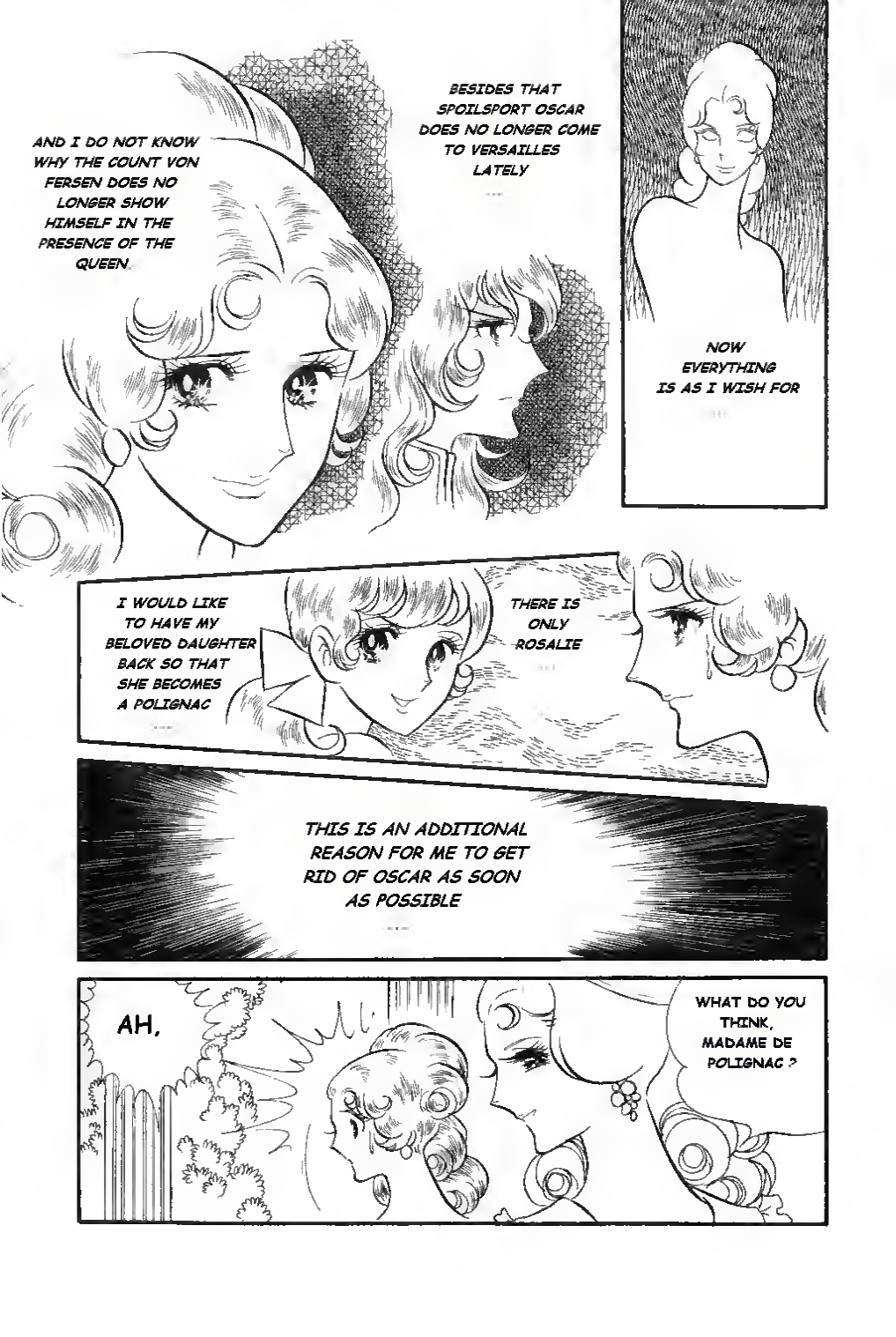
HE IS BACK !!
FERSEN IS BACK
HE IS BACK
ALIVE
AND HEALTHY !!!


FERSEN, BACK FROM THE EXPEDITION IN AMERICA
WAS APPOINTED COMMANDER OF THE REGIMENT OF THE LAND ARMY BY MARIE ANTOINETTE.
A FOREIGN COLONEL OF THE ROYAL SWEDES.
OFFICIALLY
THE SMALL 'TEMPLE D'AMOUR' ATOP THE HILL OF THE TRIANON
A BRILLIANT WHITE CONCERT HALL IN THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE


WHERE REAL FARMERS WERE MILKING COWS
THE REPRODUCTION OF A REAL FARM
BY THE PEACEFULLY FLOWING RIVER
AND GRINDING FLOUR IN THE MILL
THE SWING
THE HIDE AND-SEEK GAMES IN THE SHADE OF TREES
DANCING THE MINUET OR THE GAVOTTE ON A FLOWER BED
TO MAKE THIS WONDERFUL AND RELAXING 'ENGLISH LANDSCAPE GARDEN'
DID MARIE ANTOINETTE KNOW THE COLOSSAL SUM SPENT FROM THE TAXES


AND I DO NOT KNOW WHY THE COUNT VON FERSEN DOES NO LONGER SHOW HIMSELF IN THE PRESENCE OF THE QUEEN
BESIDES THAT SPOILSPORT OSCAR DOES NO LONGER COME TO VERSAILLES LATELY
NOW EVERYTHING IS AS I WISH FOR
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY BELOVED DAUGHTER BACK SO THAT SHE BECOMES A POLIGNAC
THERE IS ONLY ROSALIE
THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL REASON FOR ME TO GET RID OF OSCAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AH,
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MADAME DE POLIGNAC ?

I WAS TALKING ABOUT HAVING THE LEAD ROLE IN A PLAY ...
WE WILL PERFORM IN THE NEW SMALL THEATER !
OH ! YOU WERE NOT LISTENING ?
YES ... YOU WERE SAYING ...
I WILL PLAY THE LEAD ROLE OF ROSINE IN 'THE BARBER OF SEVILLE'
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AND ALSO DUCHESSES WILL CERTAINLY TAKE PART OF IT
OH ! HER MAJESTY WILL PLAY THE LEAD ROLE !?
OH
OH
THIS IS WONDERFUL ! CAN WE ALSO TAKE PART OF IT ?
I HOPE THAT THE COUNT VON FERSEN WILL COME TO THE PERFORMANCE
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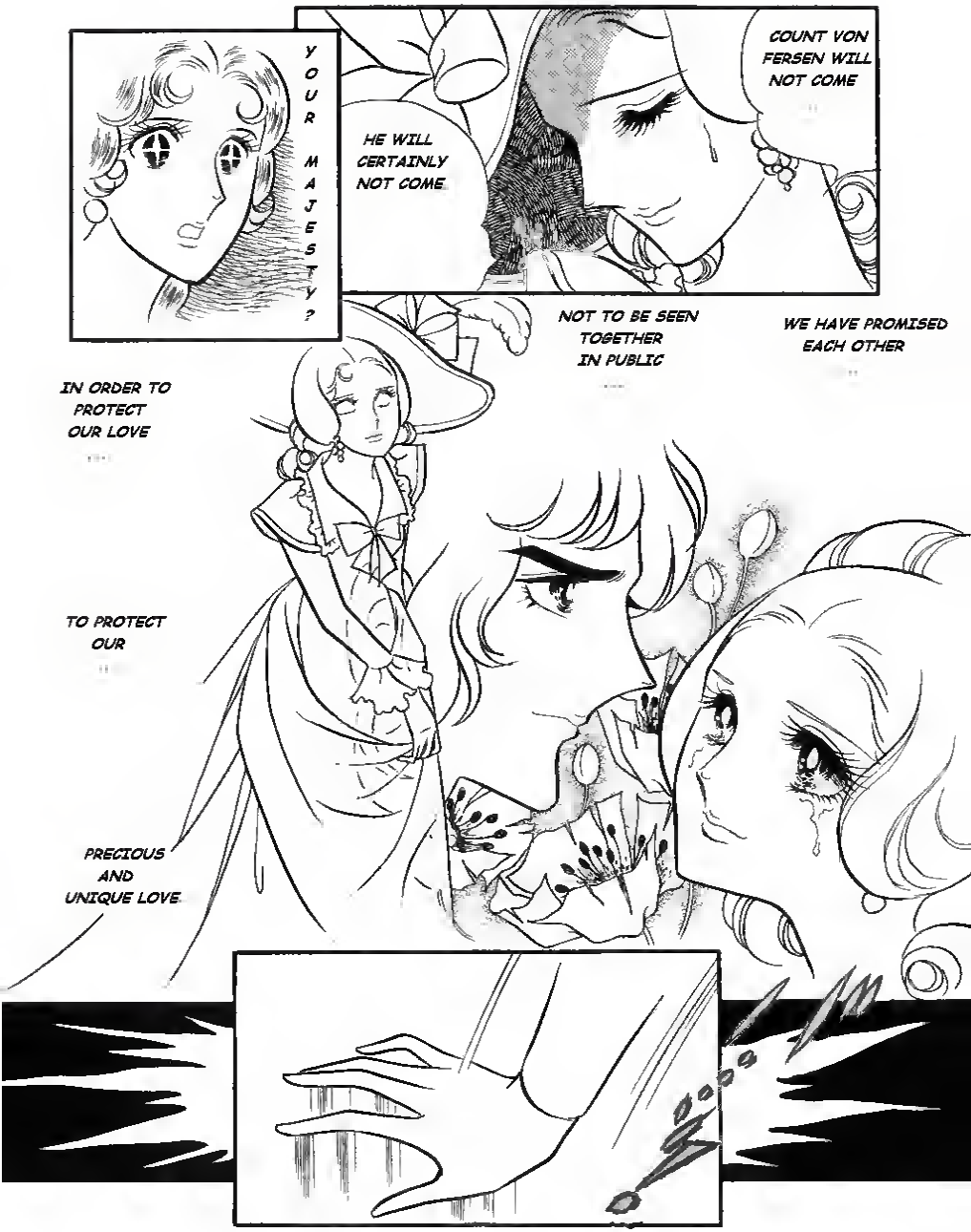
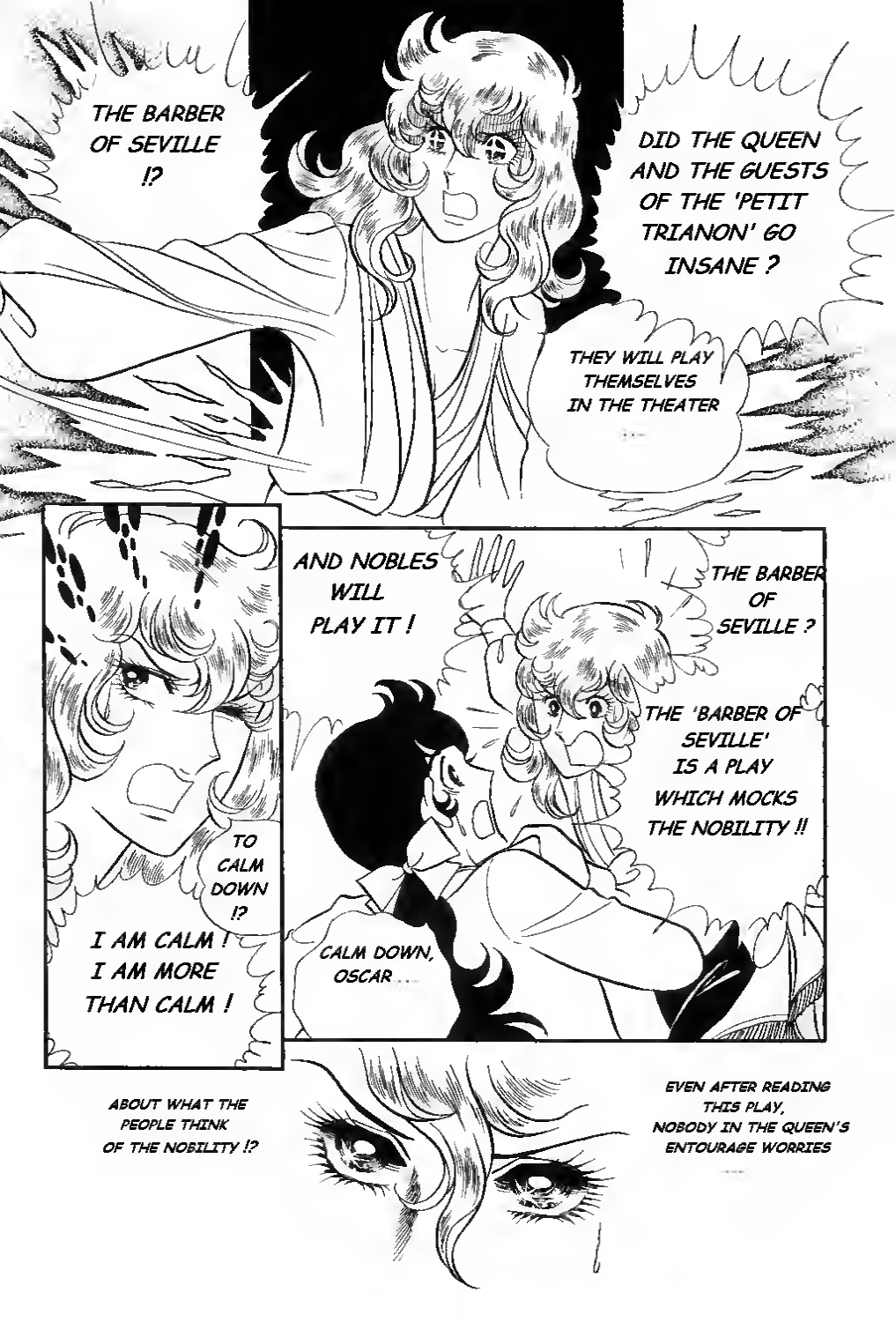

YOUR MAJESTY?
HE WILL CERTAINLY NOT COME
COUNT VON FERSEN WILL NOT COME
NOT TO BE SEEN TOGETHER IN PUBLIC
WE HAVE PROMISED EACH OTHER
IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR LOVE
TO PROTECT OUR
PRECIOUS AND UNIQUE LOVE


THE BARBER OF SEVILLE !?
DID THE QUEEN AND THE GUESTS OF THE 'PETIT TRIANON' GO INSANE ?
THEY WILL PLAY THEMSELVES IN THE THEATER
AND NOBLES WILL PLAY IT !
THE BARBER OF SEVILLE ?
THE 'BARBER OF SEVILLE' IS A PLAY WHICH MOCKS THE NOBILITY !!
CALM DOWN, OSCAR...
TO CALM DOWN !?
I AM CALM ! I AM MORE THAN CALM !
ABOUT WHAT THE PEOPLE THINK OF THE NOBILITY !?
EVEN AFTER READING THIS PLAY, NOBODY IN THE QUEEN'S ENTOURAGE WORRIES

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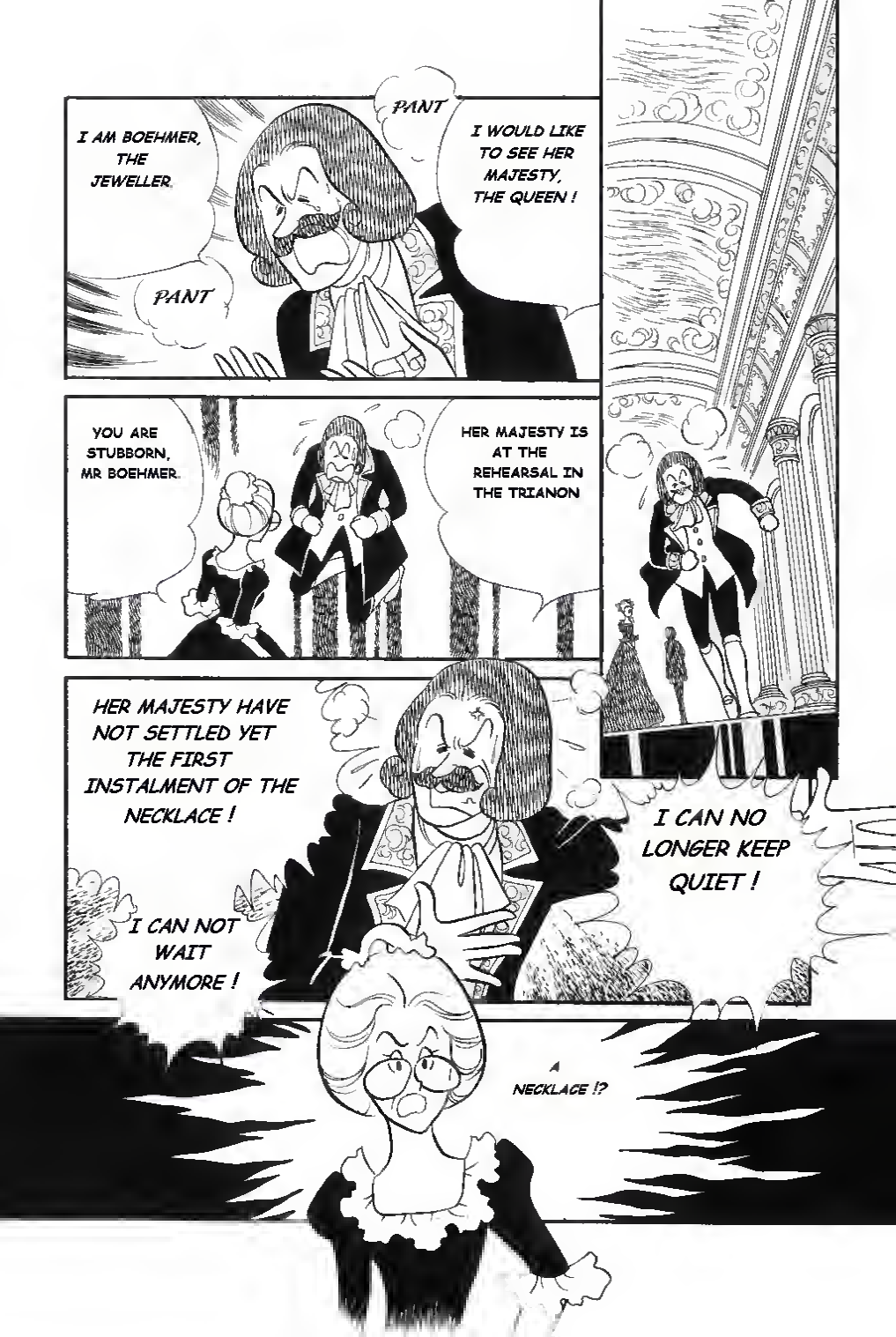
I AM BOEHMER, THE JEWELLER.
PANT
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN !
PANT
YOU ARE STUBBORN, MR BOEHMER.
HER MAJESTY IS AT THE REHEARSAL IN THE TRIANON
HER MAJESTY HAVE NOT SETTLED YET THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE NECKLACE !
I CAN NO LONGER KEEP QUIET !
I CAN NOT WAIT ANYMORE !
A NECKLACE !?

ON AUGUST 15, 1785
YOUR MAJESTY ! WOULD YOU PLEASE COME QUICKLY TO THE CASTLE !
CARDINAL DE ROHAN, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO COME IMMEDIATELY TO VERSAILLES !
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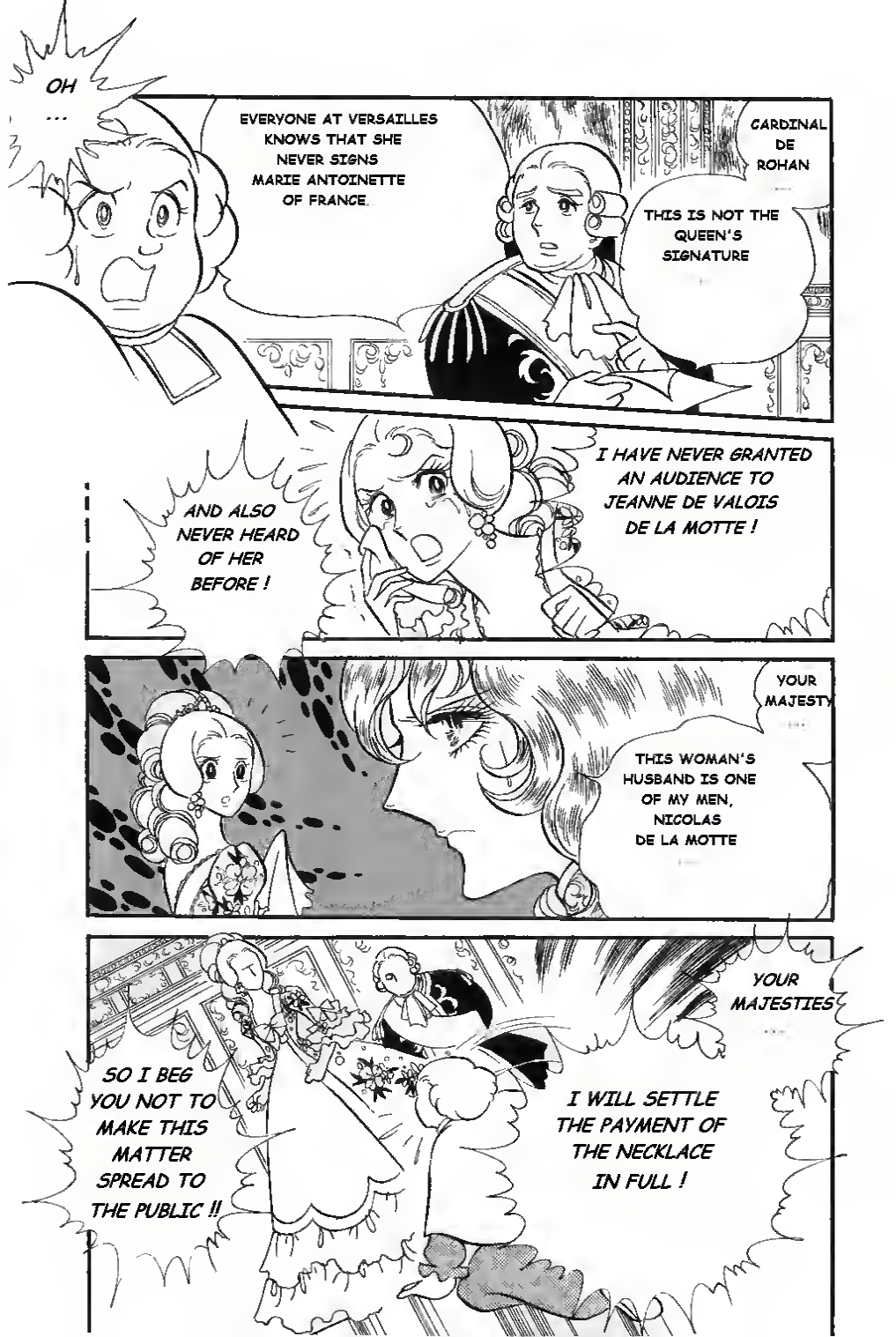
TO SEE THAT THE CARDINAL DE ROHAN IS MY GUARANTOR
AND THIS TO BUY A NECKLACE ?
ME
I WOULD HAVE ASKED A CERTAIN JEANNE DE VALOIS
YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT I GAVE YOU A SECRET MEETING AT THE 'BOSQUET DE VENUS' AT NIGHT ?
AND ALSO
HOW COULD YOU EVER BELIEVE SUCH A THING ? I HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO YOU EVEN ONCE IN TEN YEARS !?
CARDINAL DE ROHAN !
DE LA MOTTE !!?
GAVE ME YOUR LOVE LETTERS AND THE CONTRACT WITH YOUR SIGNATURE
BUT MADAME JEANNE DE VALOIS DE LA MOTTE


OH ...
EVERYONE AT VERSAILLES KNOWS THAT SHE NEVER SIGNS MARIE ANTOINETTE OF FRANCE.
CARDINAL DE ROHAN
THIS IS NOT THE QUEEN'S SIGNATURE
I HAVE NEVER GRANTED AN AUDIENCE TO JEANNE DE VALOIS DE LA MOTTE !
AND ALSO NEVER HEARD OF HER BEFORE !
YOUR MAJESTY
THIS WOMAN'S HUSBAND IS ONE OF MY MEN, NICOLAS DE LA MOTTE
YOUR MAJESTIES
I WILL SETTLE THE PAYMENT OF THE NECKLACE IN FULL !
SO I BEG YOU NOT TO MAKE THIS MATTER SPREAD TO THE PUBLIC !!

NO !!
IT MUST BE HIM WHO PLOTTED EVERYTHING !
IT SEEMS THAT THE CARDINAL HAS BEEN DECEIVED ....
WAAH!
I WILL TAKE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM AND MAKE THIS MATTER PUBLIC !!
TO DARE TO BELIEVE THAT I WROTE HIM LOVE LETTERS AND GAVE HIM A SECRET MEETING .... IS ALREADY A CRIME !!
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INCIDENT ! YOU DID NOT KNOW HOW TO SUPERVISE YOUR MEN ! WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO !?
COLONEL OSCAR FRANÇOIS DE JARJAYES !
HEHE ... WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY ... LUCKY ME

YES.
COLONEL, YOU WILL ARREST THE CARDINAL DE ROHAN !
AND ALSO ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.
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Tremble
OH
I AM SORRY, CARDINAL
WHISPER WHISPER
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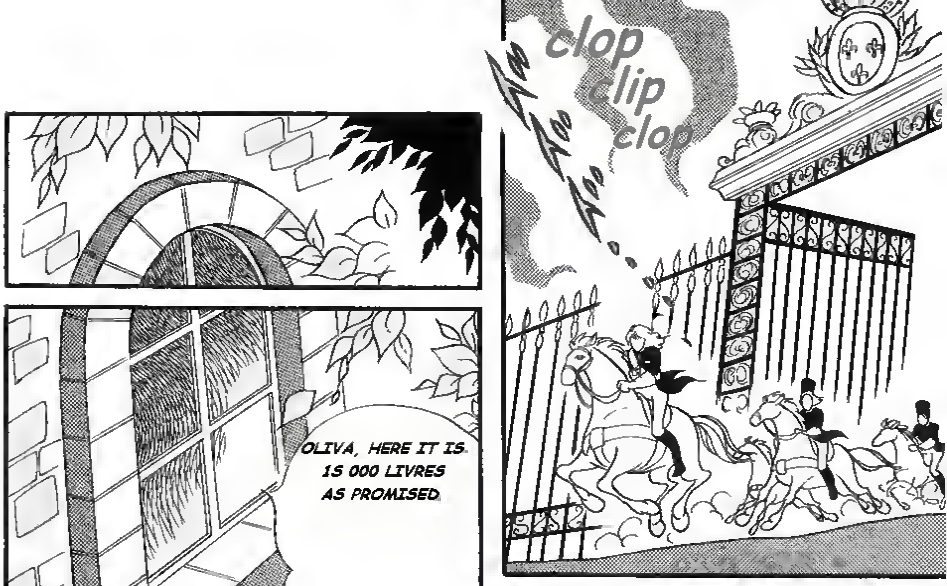
SO IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS !
NICOLAS DE LA MOTTE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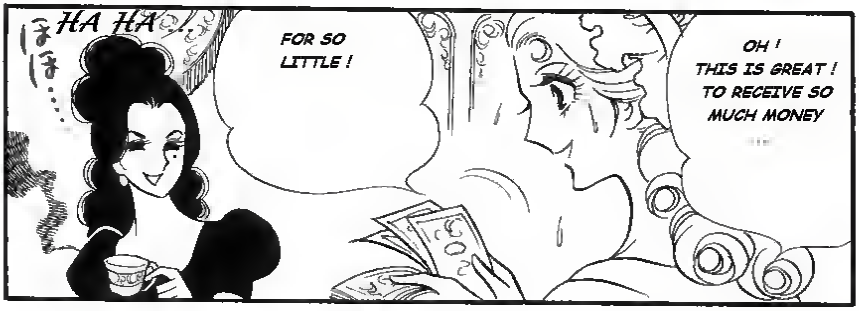
OLIVA, HERE IT IS. 15 000 LIVRES AS PROMISED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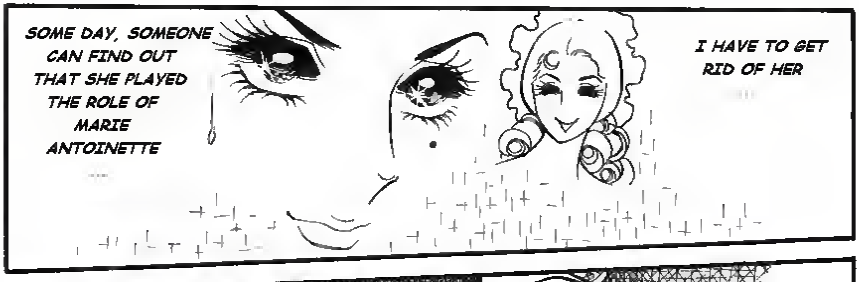
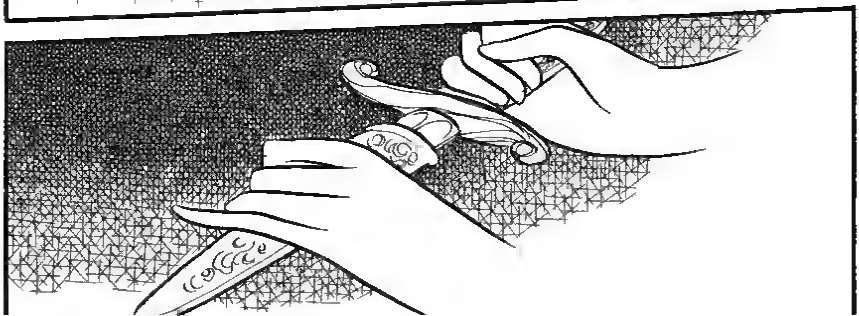
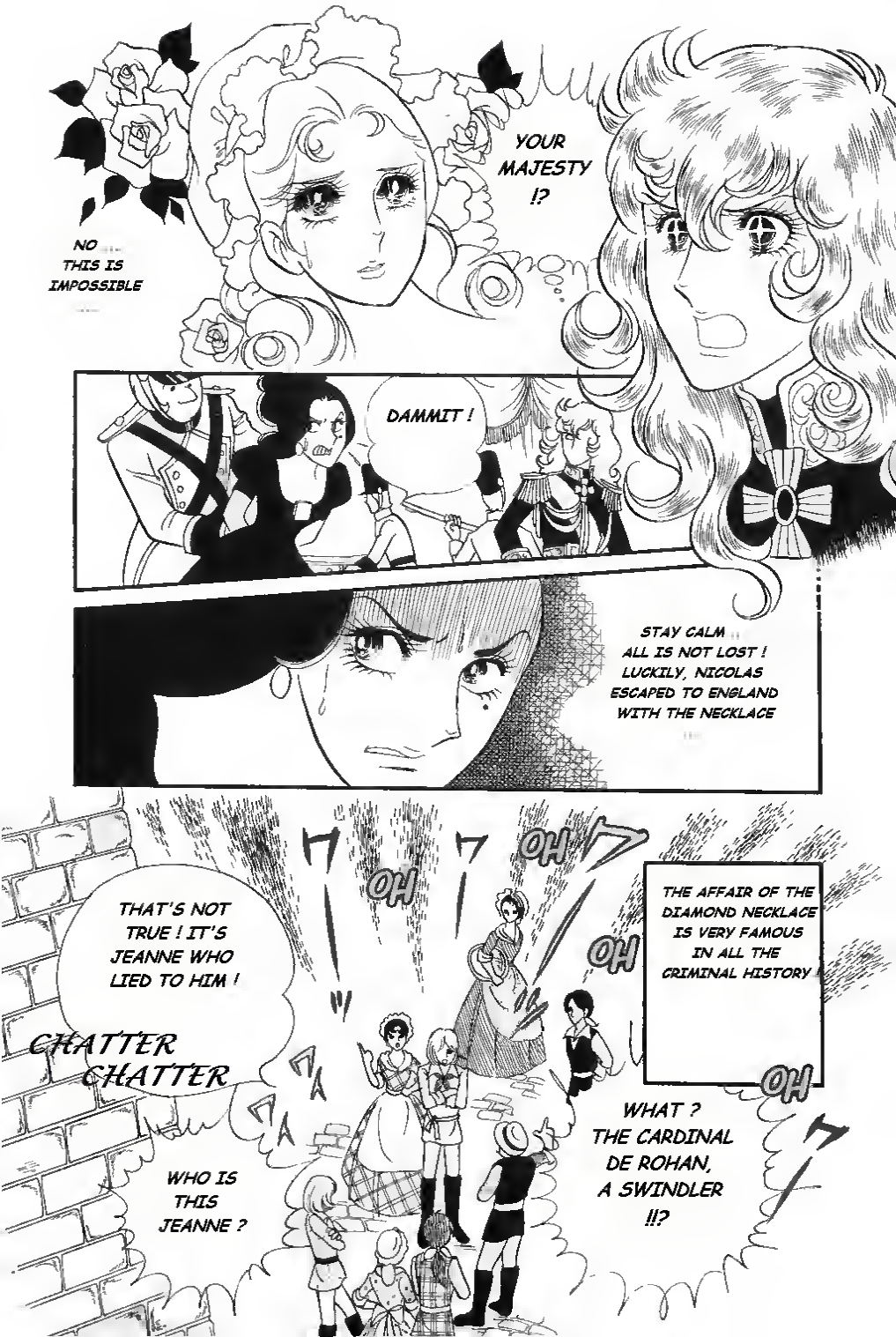
FOR SO LITTLE !
OH ! THIS IS GREAT ! TO RECEIVE SO MUCH MONEY


SOME DAY, SOMEONE CAN FIND OUT THAT SHE PLAYED THE ROLE OF MARIE ANTOINETTE
I HAVE TO GET RID OF HER



BAM !
NICOLAS DE LA MOTTE AND HIS WIFE JEANNE !
YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR FORGING DOCUMENTS, THEFT AND FRAUD !!!


NO ... THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE ...
YOUR MAJESTY !?
DAMMIT !
STAY CALM ... ALL IS NOT LOST ! LUCKILY, NICOLAS ESCAPED TO ENGLAND WITH THE NECKLACE
THAT'S NOT TRUE ! IT'S JEANNE WHO LIED TO HIM !
CHATTER CHATTER
WHO IS THIS JEANNE ?
OH
THE AFFAIR OF THE DIAMOND NECKLACE IS VERY FAMOUS IN ALL THE CRIMINAL HISTORY !
WHAT ? THE CARDINAL DE ROHAN, A SWINDLER !!?

ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER WERE SENT TO THE BASTILLE, EXCEPT FOR NICOLAS WHO WAS ON THE RUN.
SHE USED THE NAME OF THE QUEEN AND STOLE DIAMONDS FOR 1 600 000 LIVRES !
1 600 000 LIVRES !?
IT MUST BE A MISTAKE, MADEMOISELLE OSCAR !!
JEANNE !!!
MY BIG SISTER WOULD HAVE NEVER DONE SUCH A THING !!
MADE-MOISELLE OSCAR !!!
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE !!
THE PARLIA-MENT, PARIS.

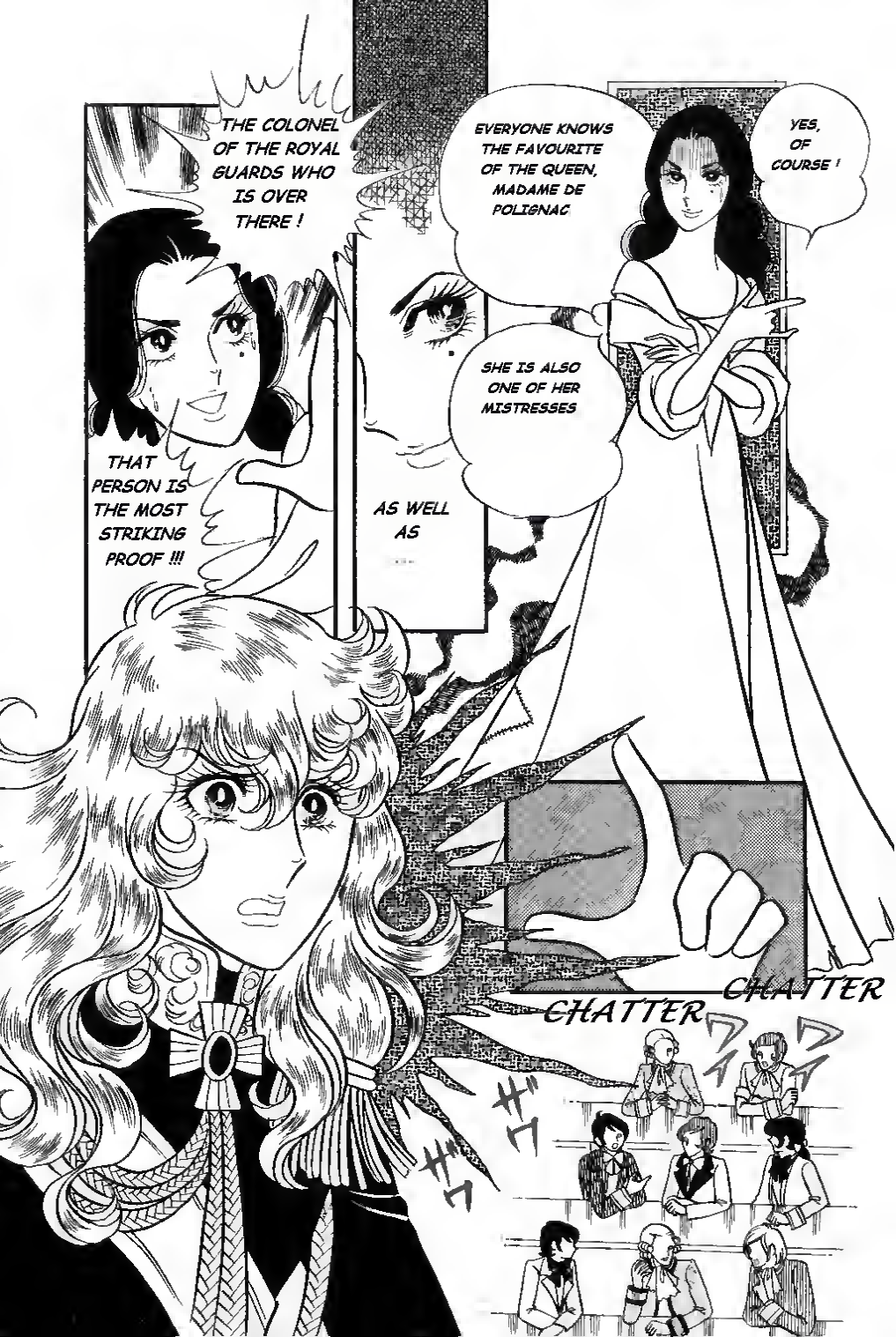
JEANNE !?
IT IS THE CARDINAL DE ROHAN WHO TOLD ME TO STEAL THE NECKLACE ! I JUST OBEYED HIS ORDERS !!
LIES !!?
MAYBE YOU HAVE PROOF OF MY GUILTINESS !!?
YOUR LIES ARE WASTING OUR TIME
MADAME JEANNE DE VALOIS DE LA MOTTE !
BAM
IF I REALLY WAS GUILTY, I WOULD HAVE ESCAPED AND THIS A LONG TIME AGO !
YOU DID NOT FIND THIS NECKLACE IN MY HOUSE !
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
YES, BUT ...
THEN ...
IT IS TRUE ...

Chatter
Chatter
GIVEN THE TASTE OF THE QUEEN FOR LUXURY, IT IS POSSIBLE !
MAYBE THE NECKLACE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE QUEEN ?
Chatter
Chatter
IT'S MAYBE THE QUEEN WHO DECEIVED THE NAIVE CARDINAL AND THE JEWELLER
Chatter
I CALL NICOLE D'OLIVA AS A WITNESS !
QUIET !!
Chatter
Chatter
OOOH
OOOH
OOOH

SHE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE QUEEN !
WHO IS SHE ?
NO ! LOOK CLOSELY !
IT'S THE QUEEN !
SO, MADAME DE LA MOTTE ?
HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE PRESENCE OF THIS WOMAN !?
THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE
CALM DOWN, JEANNE !
IN FACT, IN THIS AFFAIR
I ORGANIZED EVERYTHING AT THE REQUEST OF A HIGH-RANKING PERSON
ALL RIGHT THEN
I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING

HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN !!
AND THIS PERSON, IT IS ...
OOOH
おぉ！
OOOH
OOOH
IS THAT SO ? THEN WOULD YOU EXPLAIN TO US, MADAM, YOUR TIES WITH HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN ?
QUIET !! QUIET !!
AND SHE IS IN LOVE WITH ME ...
IT'S THAT WE HAVE A LOVE AFFAIR ...
IN FACT, HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN LIKES WOMEN.
HER MAJESTY AND I HAD A PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP !

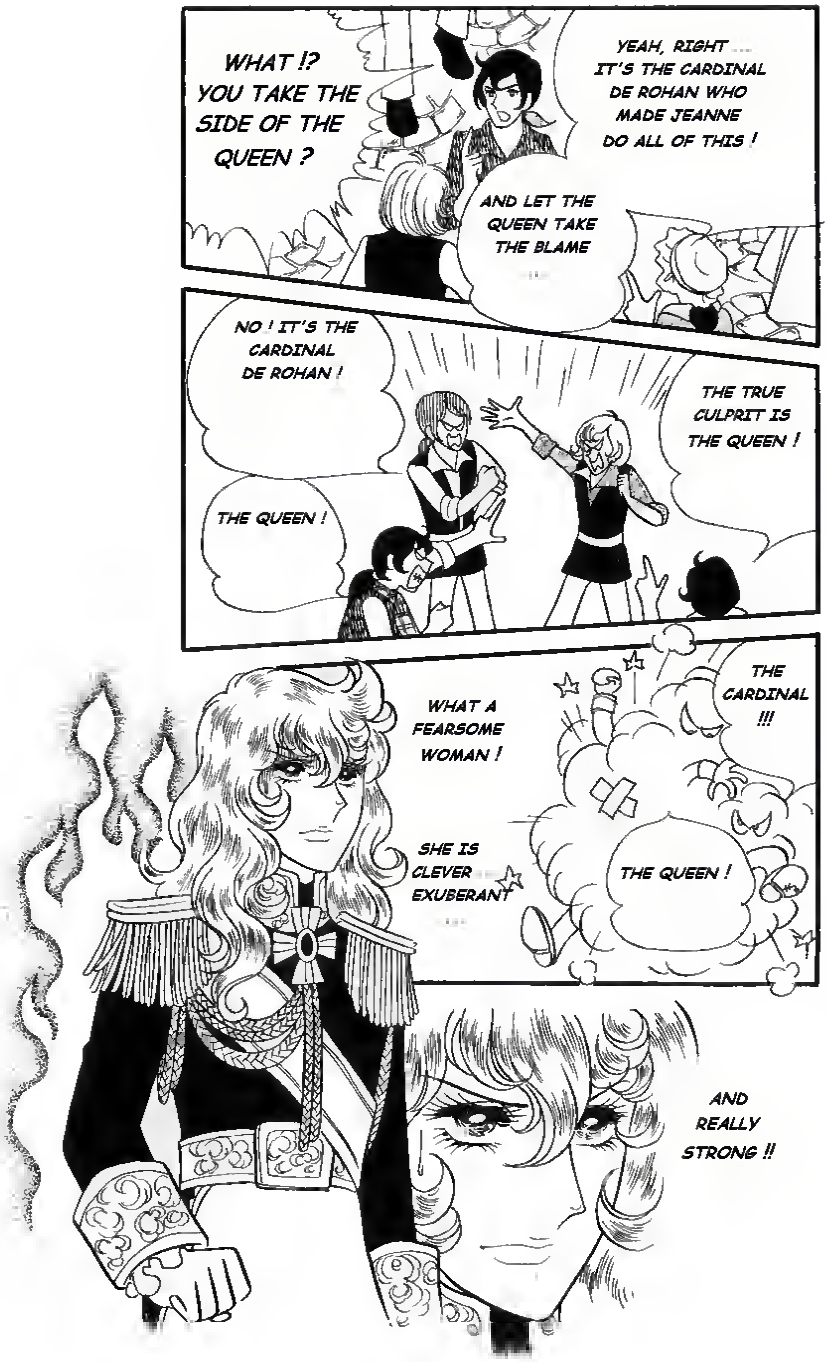
OH
OOH
OOOOH
THE QUEEN LIKES WOMEN !?
THE QUEEN LIKES WOMEN !!?
OH ! NEXT TO HER ROSALIE ...
JEANNE !! HOW ...
HOW DARE YOU !?
MADAME DE LA MOTTE, CAN YOU PROVIDE US WITH CONCRETE PROOF OF WHAT YOU ARE CLAIMING ?
IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I HEAR SUCH A THING ...


THE COLONEL OF THE ROYAL GUARDS WHO IS OVER THERE !
THAT PERSON IS THE MOST STRIKING PROOF !!!
AS WELL AS ...
EVERYONE KNOWS THE FAVOURITE OF THE QUEEN, MADAME DE POLIGNAC
SHE IS ALSO ONE OF HER MISTRESSES
YES, OF COURSE !
CHATTER
CHATTER

SHE IS THE MOST IRREFUTABLE PROOF !!!
SHE IS THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF MY HUSBAND, NICOLAS DE LA MOTTE.
EVEN IF SHE IS DRESSED LIKE A MAN, SHE IS A WOMAN !
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ASKS THE WOMAN SHE LOVES TO DRESS LIKE A MAN
AND PUTS HER BY HER SIDE SO THAT SHE CAN BE HER MISTRESS.
WHAT !?
ME, A LESBIAN !? I AM GOING TO CUT HER IN HALF !?
MADEMOI-SELLE OSCAR !!

YOU ARE LYING TO ESCAPE PUNISHMENT !
THEY ARE NOT LIES ...
BECAUSE I WAS ALSO ONE THE MISTRESSES OF HER MAJESTY
LISTEN ! ME, OSCAR FRANÇOIS ...
EVEN BEFORE HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN CAME FROM AUSTRIA TO MARRY OUR KING ...
COLONEL !!
YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK IF YOU WERE NOT GIVEN THE FLOOR ! I CAN ARREST YOU FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE !
Hmpf !
AND WHAT ELSE !?
ME, OSCAR, A LESBIAN ? THIS PISSES ME OFF !

SHE WANTS TO PUT ALL THE BLAME ON ME !
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN SAID THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW YOU AND THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THIS NECKLACE IS
MADAME DE LA MOTTE
THE LETTER SENT BY BOEHMER, THE JEWELLER ...
BESIDES, IT SEEMS THAT HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN BURNT ...
OH !
OH !
IT MUST BE TO COVER UP THE EVIDENCE !!!
THE ONE WHO IS REALLY GUILTY IN THE AFFAIR OF THE NECKLACE IS THE QUEEN !


WHAT !? YOU TAKE THE SIDE OF THE QUEEN ?
YEAH, RIGHT ... IT'S THE CARDINAL DE ROHAN WHO MADE JEANNE DO ALL OF THIS !
AND LET THE QUEEN TAKE THE BLAME
NO ! IT'S THE CARDINAL DE ROHAN !
THE TRUE CULPRIT IS THE QUEEN !
THE QUEEN !
THE CARDINAL !!!
WHAT A FEARSOME WOMAN !
SHE IS CLEVER EXUBERANT
THE QUEEN !
AND REALLY STRONG !!

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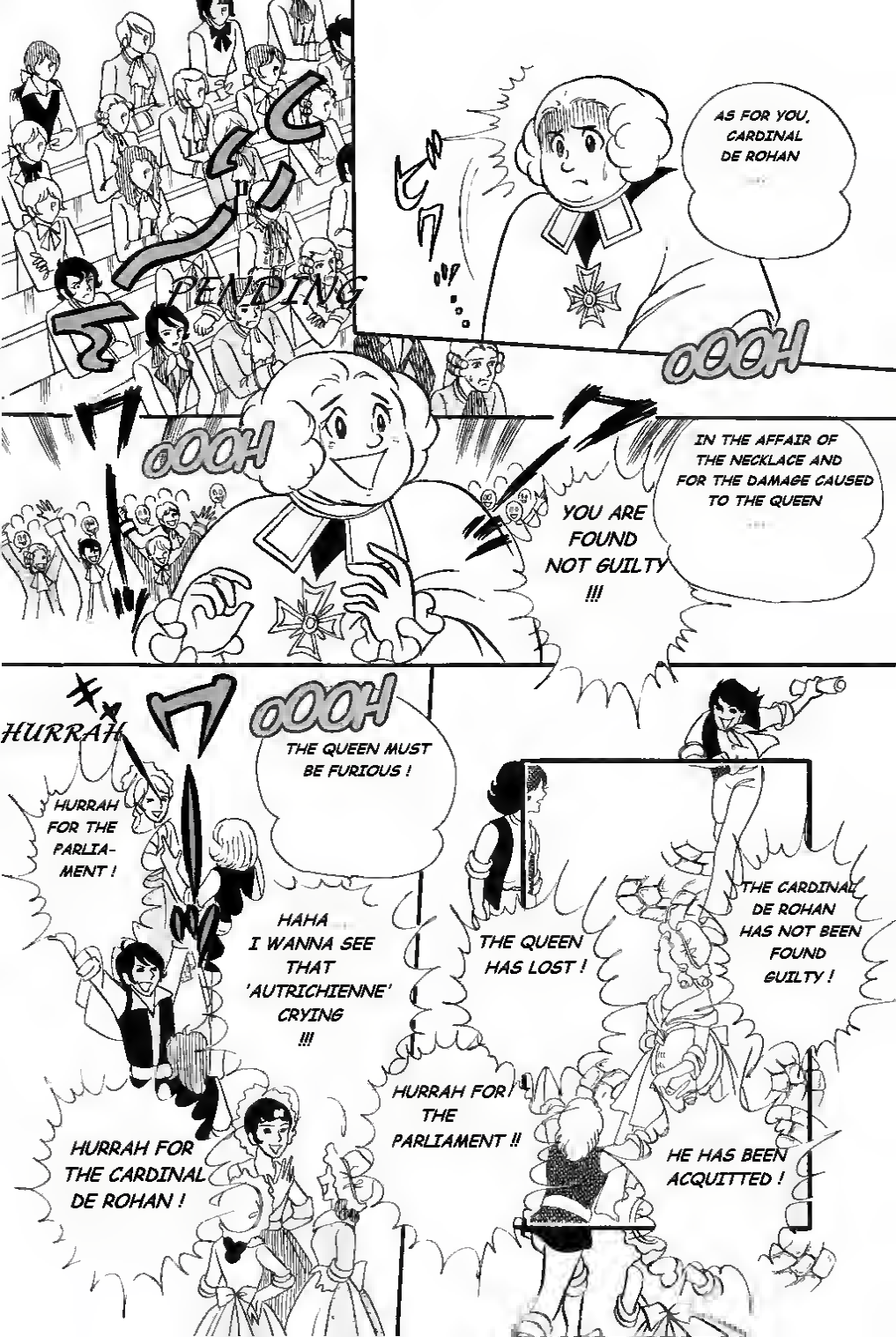
AND THAT I TOLD HER TO STEAL THIS NECKLACE ?
AND THE PEOPLE BELIEVE HER
IT IS SO ABSURD
THIS WOMAN CLAIMS THAT SHE HAD A PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ME !?
THEY HUMILIATED ME
THEY WILL SEE ! EVERYTHING WILL BE CLARIFIED IN THIS TRIAL, CARDINAL !
わあ
WAAH !
EVERYTHING IS CLEAR NOW !!!
THE CARDINAL DE ROHAN USED THIS WOMAN TO DISCREDIT ME !!

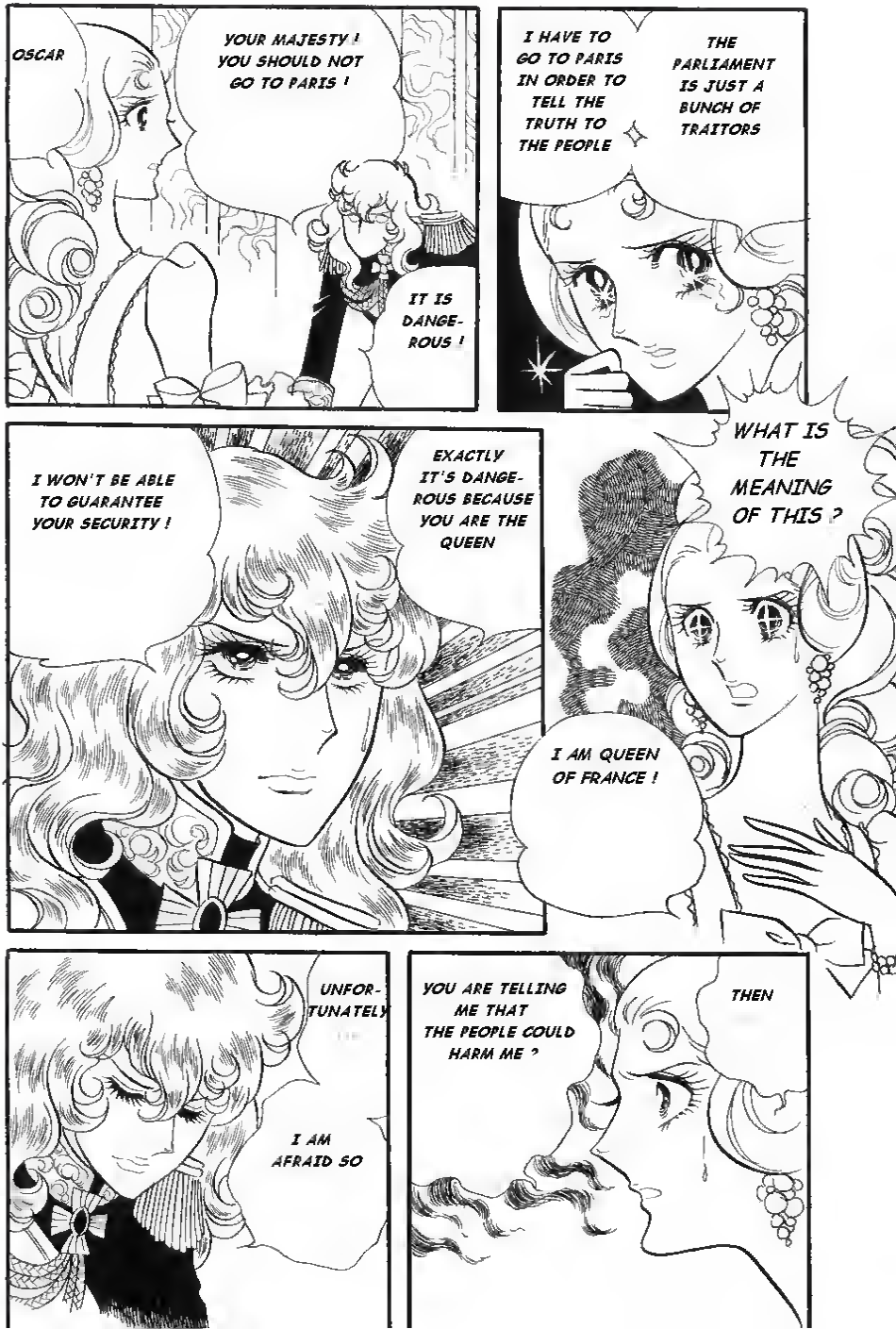
The Rose of Versailles

by Riyoko Ikeda

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1786 THE VERDICT OF THE AFFAIR OF THE DIAMOND NECKLACE WAS PRONOUNCED !
NICOLAS DE LA MOTTE, ABSENT AT THE TRIAL, IS FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT !
HE WILL BE PUNISHED AS SOON AS HE IS ARRESTED !
WANTED
NICOLE D'OLIVA HAS BEEN FOUND NOT GUILTY
PHEW
わぁ～ん
WAAAH
RETAUX DE LA VILLETTE IS SENTENCED TO FOREIGN EXILE !!!
HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT !
OH
OH
JEANNE DE VALOIS DE LA MOTTE !!
SHE WILL BE CASTIGATED BY THE EXECUTIONER AND BRANDED ON BOTH SHOULDERS BY THE LETTER 'V'
THE HOT IRON BRAND WITH THE LETTER 'V' REFERRED TO THIEF WHICH STANDS FOR 'VOLEUR' IN FRENCH
I AM INNOCENT ! I DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN PRISON !!
I AM INNOCENT !!
A WITHER ?

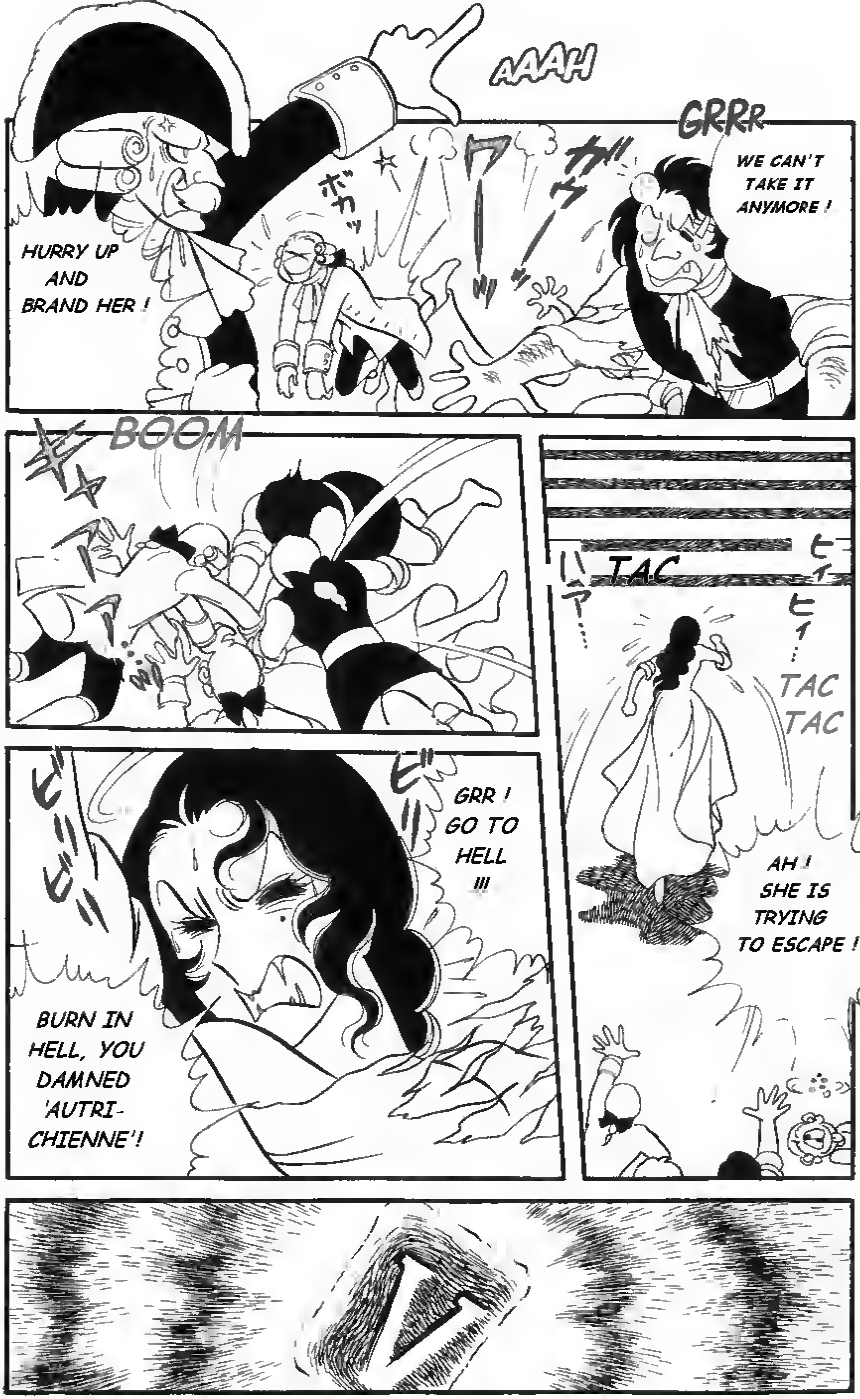

PENDING
AS FOR YOU, CARDINAL DE ROHAN
OOOH
OOOH
IN THE AFFAIR OF THE NECKLACE AND FOR THE DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE QUEEN
YOU ARE FOUND NOT GUILTY !!!
HURRAH
OOOH
THE QUEEN MUST BE FURIOUS !
HURRAH FOR THE PARLIA-MENT !
HAHA I WANNA SEE THAT 'AUTRICHIENNE' CRYING !!!
THE QUEEN HAS LOST !
THE CARDINAL DE ROHAN HAS NOT BEEN FOUND GUILTY !
HURRAH FOR THE PARLIAMENT !!
HURRAH FOR THE CARDINAL DE ROHAN !
HE HAS BEEN ACQUITTED !

THE QUEEN HAS LOST !
BRAVO !
THE ROYAL FAMILY HAS BEEN DRAGGED DOWN INTO THE MUD !
WHAT A REMARKABLE AFFAIR !
THE YOUNG LAW STUDENT SAINT-JUST ....
WAS A REVOLUTIONARY WITH ICY BEAUTY, HE WILL BE LATER A VIGOROUS SUPPORTER OF ROBESPIERRE
WITH MY DEFEAT ...
THE PEOPLE ARE DELIGHTED ...
WHAT HARM DID I CAUSE TO THEM ?
WHAT HARM DID I CAUSE TO THEM ?
YOUR MAJESTY ...


OSCAR
YOUR MAJESTY ! YOU SHOULD NOT GO TO PARIS !
IT IS DANGE-ROUS !
I HAVE TO GO TO PARIS IN ORDER TO TELL THE TRUTH TO THE PEOPLE
THE PARLIAMENT IS JUST A BUNCH OF TRAITORS
I WON'T BE ABLE TO GUARANTEE YOUR SECURITY !
EXACTLY IT'S DANGE-ROUS BECAUSE YOU ARE THE QUEEN
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS ?
I AM QUEEN OF FRANCE !
UNFOR-TUNATELY
I AM AFRAID SO
YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT THE PEOPLE COULD HARM ME ?
THEN

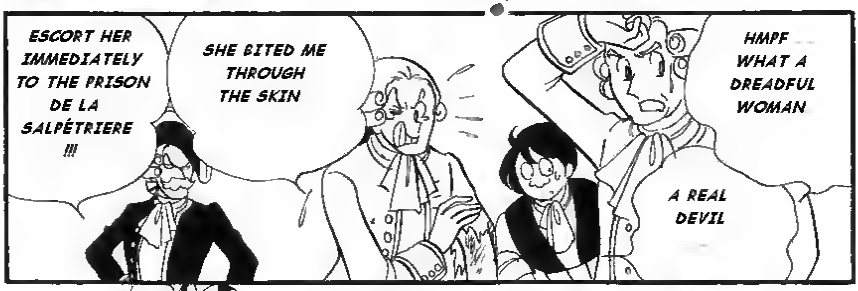
AH
YOUR MAJESTY DON'T YOU FIND IT ODD, THE ROLE THAT OSCAR FRANÇOIS PLAYED IN THIS MATTER !?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE HATED ME SO MUCH
I DIDN'T KNOW
SINCE WHEN ?
AND WHY ?
THAT ONE OF HER MEN COMMITED THIS KIND OF CRIME BEFORE FLEEING TO ENGLAND
I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SHE DIDN'T REALIZE
IT IS SAID THAT THE HUSBAND OF JEANNE DE LA MOTTE WAS A MEMBER OF HER REGIMENT
MADAME DE POLIGNAC !?

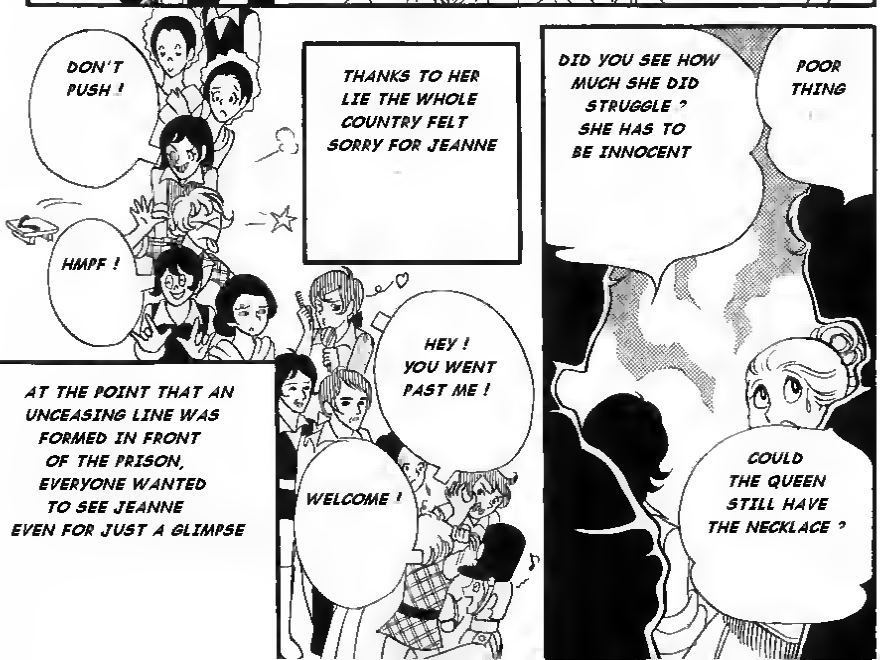
LET GO OF ME !
BASTARDS !
AH
ON 30th JUNE, AT DAWN, THE SENTENCE OF JEANNE WAS CARRIED OUT IN A PUBLIC PLACE
BOOM
OUCH OUCH OUCH
YOU BAS-TARDS !
LET GO OF ME ! I'M INNOCENT !
LET GO OF ME ! YOU IDIOTS !!!
GRRRR
GRRRR
I'M INNOCENT ! THE QUEEN SET ME UP !
THAT 'AUTRICHIENNE' WANTS TO PUT ALL THE BLAME ON ME ! WHAT NERVE !


AAAH
GRRR
HURRY UP AND BRAND HER !
WE CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE !
BOOM
TAC
TAC TAC
AH ! SHE IS TRYING TO ESCAPE !
GRR ! GO TO HELL !!!
BURN IN HELL, YOU DAMNED 'AUTRI-CHIENNE'!

BAM
ONE MORE TIME ON THE OTHER SHOULDER !
KYAAAAA
DIE 'AUTRICHIENNE' YOU BITCH !!
ARGH
AHH !!!
AHHHH

BAM

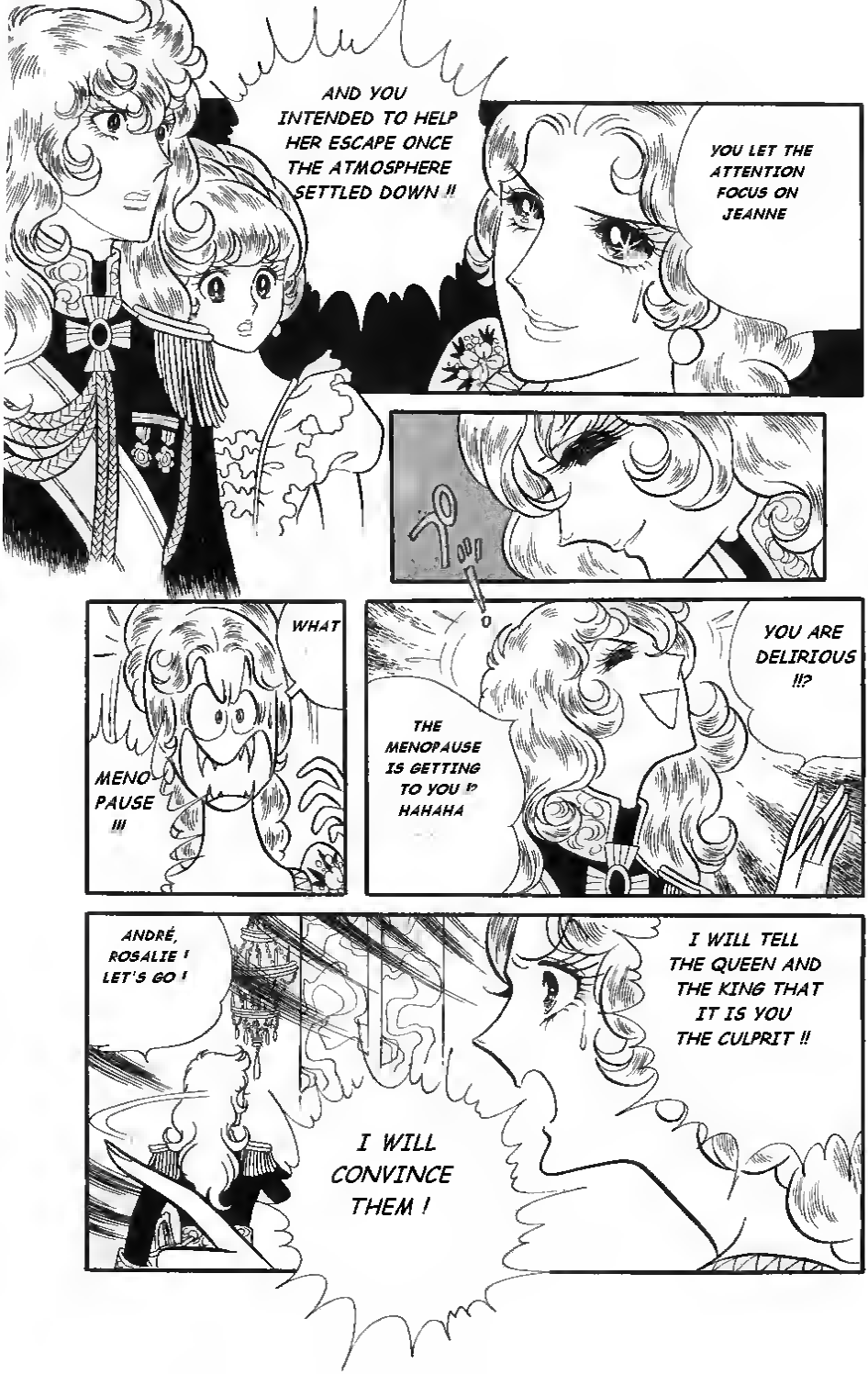

ESCORT HER IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRISON DE LA SALPÊTRIERE !!!
SHE BITED ME THROUGH THE SKIN
HMPF ... WHAT A DREADFUL WOMAN
A REAL DEVIL


DON'T PUSH !
HMPF !
THANKS TO HER LIE THE WHOLE COUNTRY FELT SORRY FOR JEANNE
AT THE POINT THAT AN UNCEASING LINE WAS FORMED IN FRONT OF THE PRISON, EVERYONE WANTED TO SEE JEANNE EVEN FOR JUST A GLIMPSE
HEY ! YOU WENT PAST ME !
WELCOME !
DID YOU SEE HOW MUCH SHE DID STRUGGLE ? SHE HAS TO BE INNOCENT
POOR THING
COULD THE QUEEN STILL HAVE THE NECKLACE ?

THAT'S RIGHT ! IT IS ALL THE NOBLES WHO LEFT THE CASTLE
BECAUSE YOU DENIED THEM THE ACCESS TO THE PETIT TRIANON
NOT JUST THE PEOPLE BUT ALSO NOBLES TAKE THE SIDE OF JEANNE !
WHAT ?
AS IF THEY INSINUATE THAT IT IS ME THE CULPRIT !
OH !
TAP
TAP
TAP
WHAT !!?
BUT THE MATTER WAS FAR FROM BEING OVER

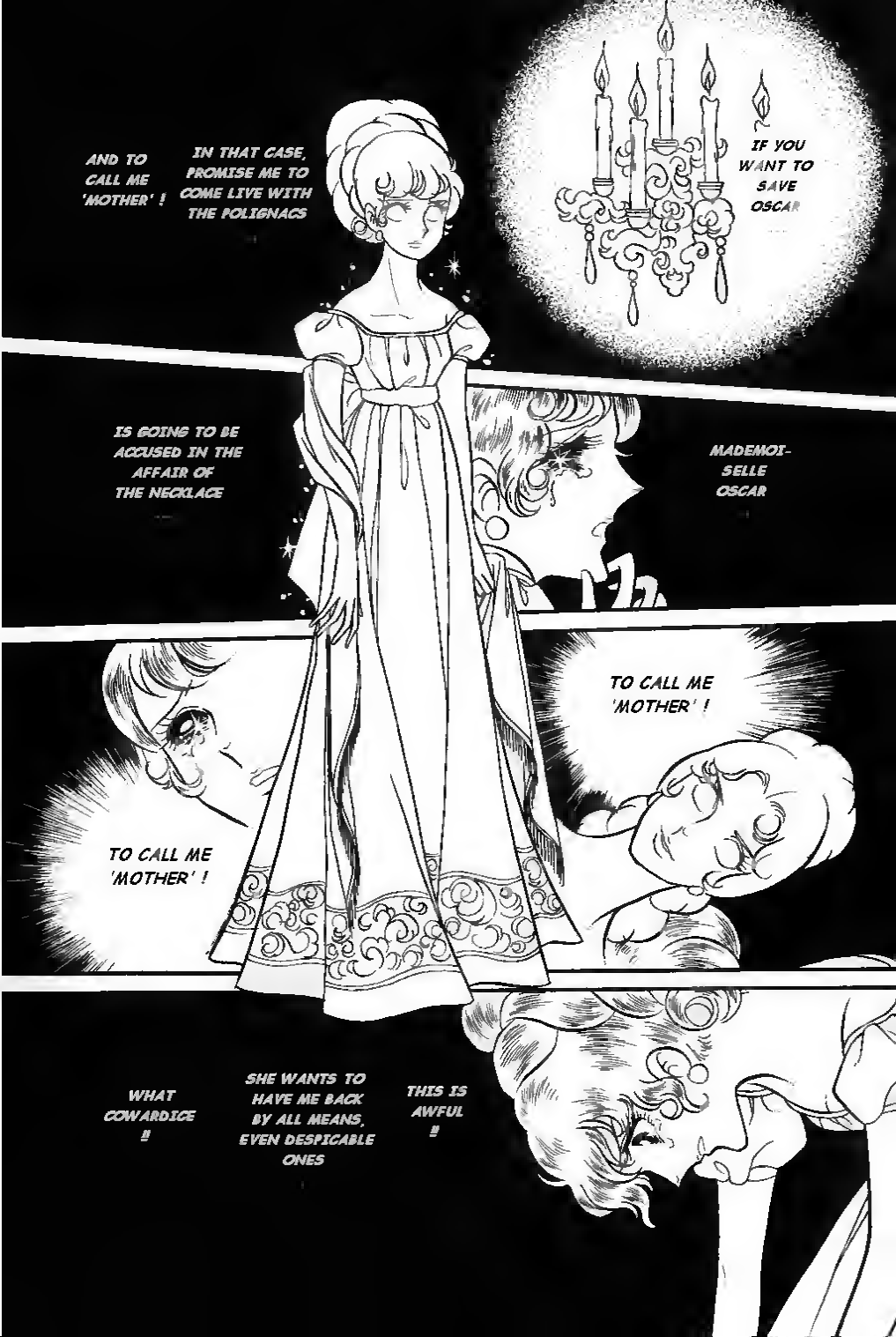
IT'S TRUE THEN ! THAT'S FUNNY !!
JEANNE HAS ESCAPED FROM HER CELL !
OH
JEANNE MANAGED TO ESCAPE !
COME QUICKLY !
HURRY ! HELP !
JEANNE HAS ESCAPED !
Chatter
Chatter
JEANNE HAD TO BEAR THIS PAIN ALONE
IT MUST BE THE QUEEN WHO HELPED HER TO ESCAPE !
THE QUEEN MUST HAVE BEEN FEELING SOME GUILT !
WHO HELPED HER ? YET, THE SALPETRIERE IS SEVERELY GUARDED !!
JEANNE HAS MANAGED TO ESCAPE !

DON'T YOU THINK SO, COLONEL OSCAR FRANÇOIS ?
THIS MUST BE THE DOING OF A HIGH-RANKING OFFICER
IT IS POINTLESS TO PLAY THE INNOCENTS !!!
WELL, WELL !
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS, MADAME DE POLIGNAC ?
AS HIS COLONEL HOW COULDN' T YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ?
ONE OF YOUR MEN, NICOLAS DE LA MOTTE WAS ABROAD ON THE RUN
SIMPLY BECAUSE
YOU ARE THEIR ACCOMPLICE !! OSCAR FRANÇOIS !


AND YOU INTENDED TO HELP HER ESCAPE ONCE THE ATMOSPHERE SETTLED DOWN !!
YOU LET THE ATTENTION FOCUS ON JEANNE
WHAT
MENO PAUSE !!!
THE MENOPAUSE IS GETTING TO YOU !? HAHAHA
YOU ARE DELIRIOUS !!?
ANDRÉ, ROSALIE ! LET'S GO !
I WILL CONVINCE THEM !
I WILL TELL THE QUEEN AND THE KING THAT IT IS YOU THE CULPRIT !!

MADAME DE POLIGNAC IS SERIOUS !
THIS IS DANGEROUS !
SHE HAS ENOUGH INFLUENCE TO ACCUSE MADEMOISELLE OSCAR
ROSALIE !
ROSALIE, WHY DON'T YOU CALL ME 'MOTHER' !?
MADAME DE POLIGNAC !?
MADAME DE POLIGNAC !
MADAME DE POLIGNAC !
MADEMOISELLE OSCAR HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS MATTER !!
SO DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN !!

DON'T SET MADEMOISELLE OSCAR UP, I BEG YOU !!
I BEG YOU, PLEASE !!!
IF YOU TELL HER THE QUEEN WILL BELIEVE YOU ...
IN THAT CASE, PROMISE ME TO COME LIVE WITH THE POLIGNACS AND TO CALL ME 'MOTHER' ?
ROSALIE !
SO, ROSALIE !?
ONLY ON THESE CONDITIONS, WILL I ACCEPT NOT TO CAUSE A SCANDAL
OOH !!!
THINK ABOUT THIS ! YOU ARE AWARE OF HOW MUCH POWER I HAVE, AREN'T YOU ?
EVERYTHING IS UP TO YOU


IF YOU WANT TO SAVE OSCAR
IN THAT CASE, PROMISE ME TO COME LIVE WITH THE POLIGNACS
AND TO CALL ME 'MOTHER' !
MADEMOISELLE OSCAR
IS GOING TO BE ACCUSED IN THE AFFAIR OF THE NECKLACE
TO CALL ME 'MOTHER' !
TO CALL ME 'MOTHER' !
THIS IS AWFUL !!
SHE WANTS TO HAVE ME BACK BY ALL MEANS, EVEN DESPICABLE ONES
WHAT COWARDICE !!

A LETTER HAS ARRIVED FOR YOU
ROSALIE, I FINALLY FOUND YOU
?
I HOPE THAT NOBODY HAVE READ IT
BADUM
BADUM
JEANNE !!!
OH ! JEANNE !
I'M REALLY GLAD DESPITE WHAT SHE HAS DONE, SHE REMAINS THE SISTER WHOM I GREW UP WITH
SAVERNE SHE'S ALREADY FAR AWAY
SHE MANAGED TO ESCAPE SHE MUST REALLY REGRET WHAT SHE HAS DONE

I WISH THAT YOU LIVE IN PEACE AND REPENTING OF YOUR MISTAKE
JEANNE
THEY FOUND HER ?
WHAT !? JEANNE ? THE ONE OF THE AFFAIR OF THE NECKLACE !?
HEY ! IT SEEMS THAT JEANNE MADE A BOOK !!
OH
READ THE FIRST VOLUME WHICH REVEALS THE REAL STORY OF THE AFFAIR OF THE NECKLACE
OH
OF COURSE NOT ! THEY STILL HAVEN'T GOT HER AND THAT'S WHAT'S REALLY FUNNY !
IT EXPLAINS HOW THE QUEEN MADE HER STEAL THE NECKLACE !
I'D LIKE TO HAVE ONE !

THE OUTRAGEOUS LIFE OF MARIE ANTOINETTE !
Memoirs
JEANNE DE VALLOIS, MEMOIRS, 2ND VOLUME !
THERE IS A LIST OF THE QUEEN'S MISTRESSES
BAM
THE QUEEN WHO WAS NO LONGER SATISFIED WITH HER LOVERS
DRAGGED HER FAVOURITES IN HER BED !!!
すっげぇ！
WOW !!!
DOES MY NAME FIGURE IN IT ?
THIS IS ABSOLUTELY SCANDALOUS !!
A BUNCH OF GARBAGE AND LIES !!!
OH !
IT'S REALLY STUPID !!

IN HER BOOK, JEANNE TELLS THAT THE QUEEN TOLD HER TO DRESS LIKE A MAN !
THEN, THE GOOD-LOOKING COLONEL IS IN FACT A WOMAN !
HEY ! THE 3RD VOLUME OF JEANNE'S MEMOIRS CAME OUT !
OH ! I'M QUICKLY GONNA BUY IT
THE LAST VOLUME WAS SOLD OUT IN NO TIME !
WHILE WE ARE LIVING MISERABLY
WITH COUNTLESS LOVERS AND MISTRESSES
THAT 'AUTRICHIENNE' IS HAVING FUN AT THE PETIT TRIANON
ON TOP OF THAT THE PEOPLE ACTUALLY BELIEVE EVERYTHING THAT SHE HAS WRITTEN
YET, THEY ARE BEST-SELLERS THROUGHOUT FRANCE
THESE BOOKS ARE PORNOGRAPHIC AND DISGRACEFUL !!
HOW DID SHE DARE TO WRITE ALL OF THESE LIES !!?
THIS IS DREADFUL !!!

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HAHAHA
I CAN WRITE COUNTLESS BOOKS ! AND NOW ALL THE PEOPLE SUPPORT ME !
HAHAHA
IT SERVES YOU RIGHT !
THE OUTRAGEOUS LIFE OF MARIE ANTOINETTE 4TH VOLUME, 5TH VOLUME, 6TH VOLUME !
HAHAHAHAHA...
HA HA
THE PEOPLE WILL GO CRAZY ABOUT IT !!
I'M GONNA COME UP WITH REALISTIC AND DARING LOVE SCENES
HA
THE MORE MONEY I MAKE !! HAHAHAHA
AND THE MORE BOOKS I'M SELLING,
HA
HA
OH !! YOU SOLD YOUR SOUL TO THE DEVIL !! YOU DON'T REGRET AT ALL WHAT YOU HAVE DONE
JEANNE !!
JEANNE !

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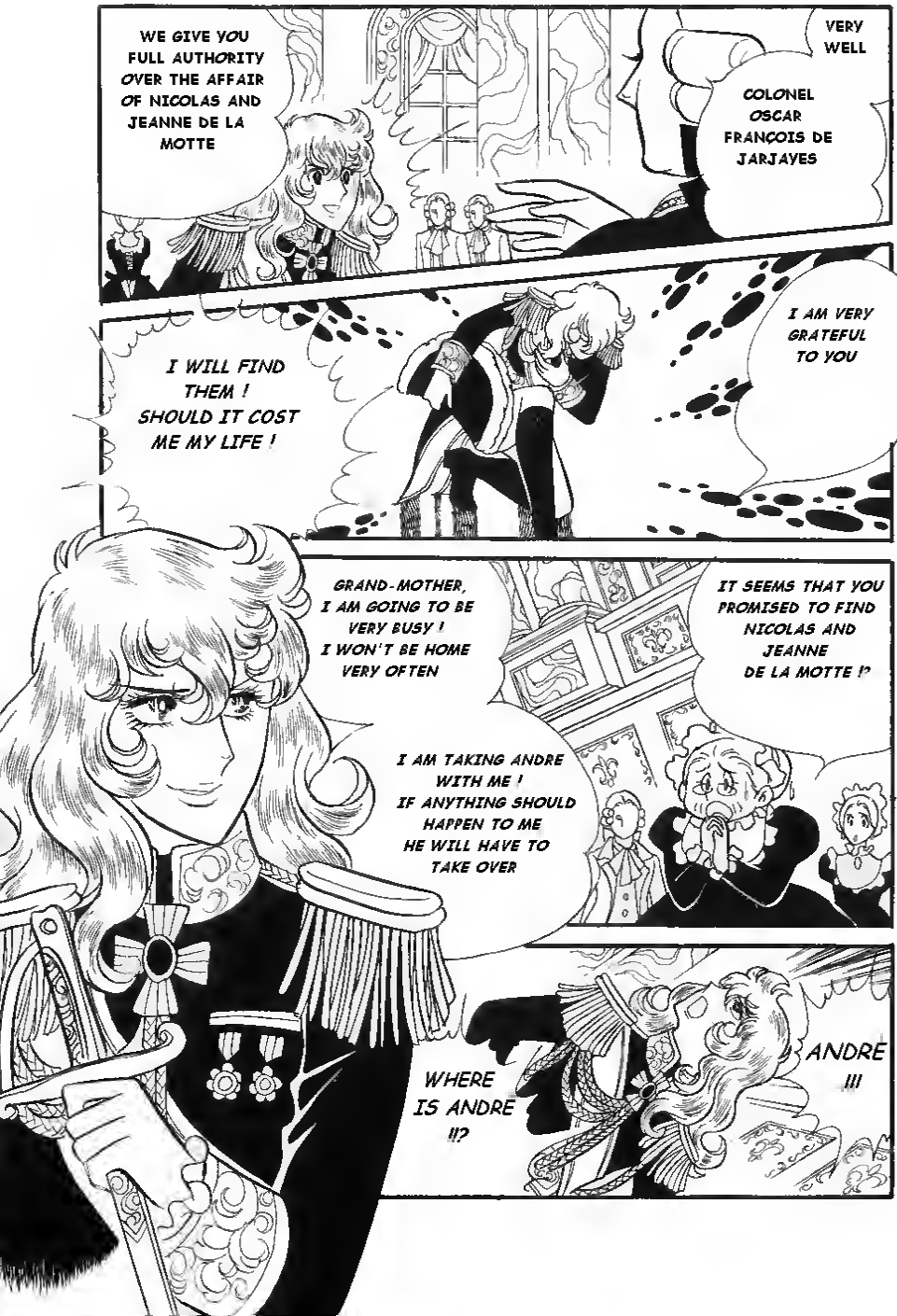
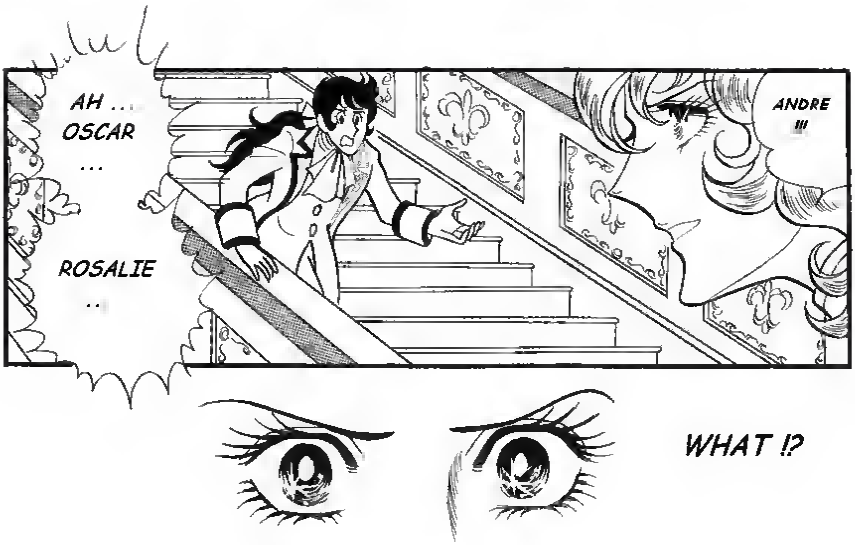
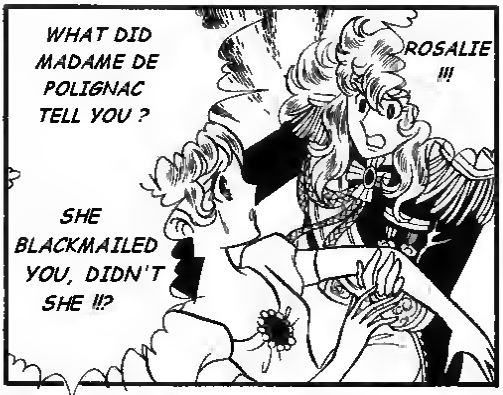
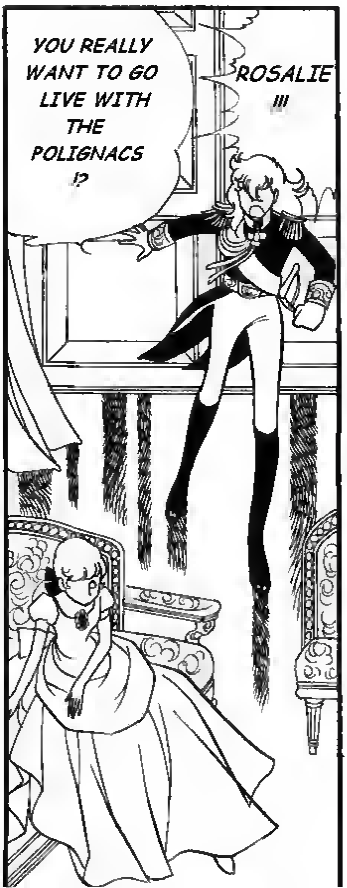
YOUR MAJESTIES
WE NEED TO SEND THE ROYAL GUARDS TO LOOK FOR NICOLAS AND JEANNE DE LA MOTTE !
HMM !
I AM BEGGING YOU TO ENTRUST THIS TASK TO ME !
WE CAN NO LONGER ALLOW THIS!
NICOLAS USED TO BE ONE OF MY MEN
I WISH TO ARREST HIM MYSELF
I BEG YOU, YOUR MAJESTY !
WHAT A REMARKABLE ACT, OSCAR FRANÇOIS


WE GIVE YOU FULL AUTHORITY OVER THE AFFAIR OF NICOLAS AND JEANNE DE LA MOTTE
VERY WELL
COLONEL OSCAR FRANÇOIS DE JARJAYES
I WILL FIND THEM ! SHOULD IT COST ME MY LIFE !
I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU
GRAND-MOTHER, I AM GOING TO BE VERY BUSY ! I WON'T BE HOME VERY OFTEN
IT SEEMS THAT YOU PROMISED TO FIND NICOLAS AND JEANNE DE LA MOTTE !?
I AM TAKING ANDRE WITH ME ! IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO ME HE WILL HAVE TO TAKE OVER
WHERE IS ANDRE !!?
ANDRE !!!


AH ... OSCAR ... ROSALIE ..
ANDRE !!!
WHAT !?


WHAT DID MADAME DE POLIGNAC TELL YOU ?
ROSALIE !!!
SHE BLACKMAILED YOU, DIDN'T SHE !!?

NO, NOT AT ALL
TELL ME THE TRUTH ! WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN DO YOU WANT TO GO LIVE WITH THE POLIGNACS !?

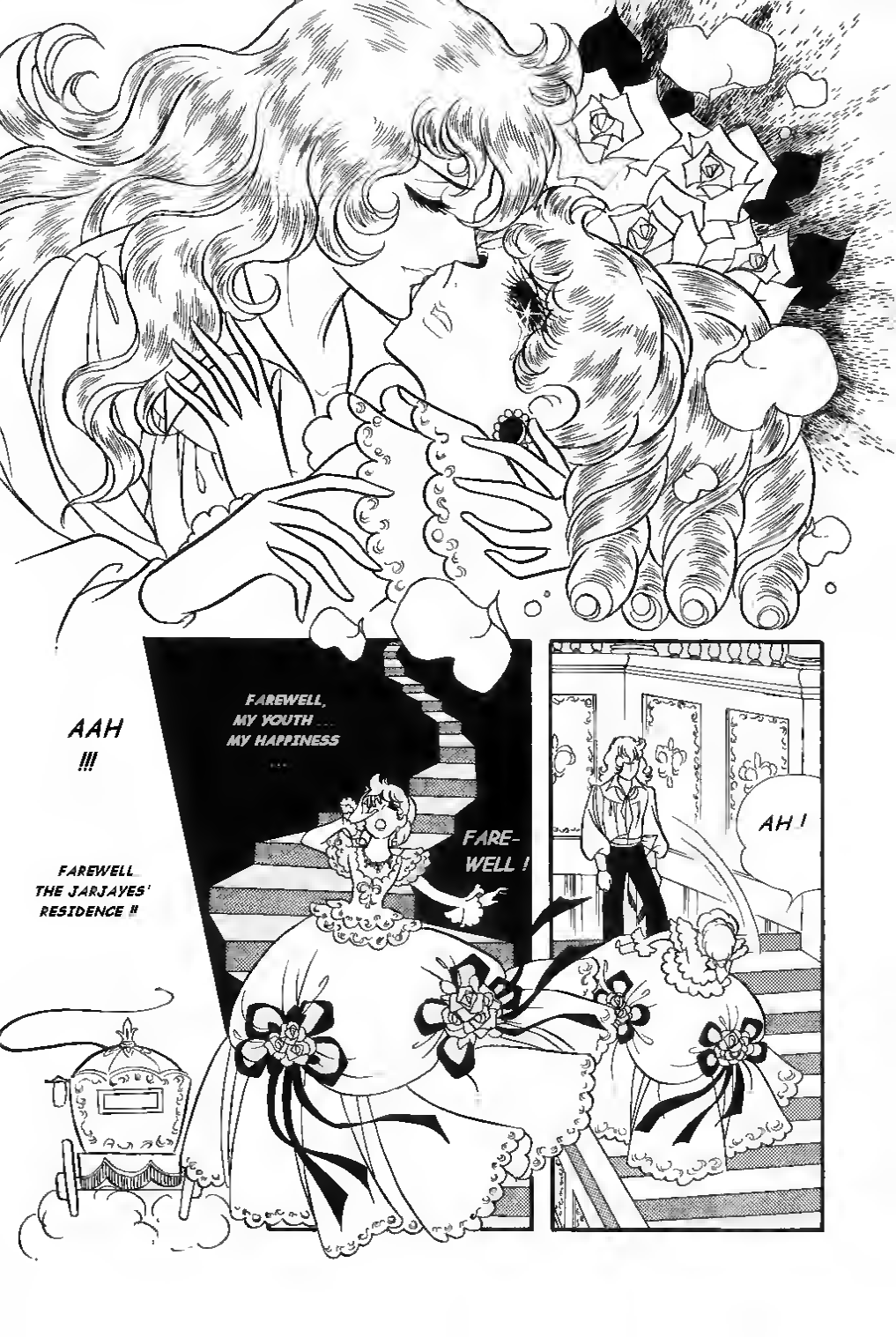

YOU REALLY WANT TO GO LIVE WITH THE POLIGNACS !?
ROSALIE !!!

IT'S JUST THAT I MISS MY MOTHER SHE IS MY MOTHER AFTER ALL
THERE'S NO PARTICULAR REASON !
ALSO THE POLIGNACS HAVE MORE MONEY AND POWER THAN THE JARJAYES !!
YOU ARE NOT THIS KIND OF GIRL
DO NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE DECEIVED ME !
...
SOB SOB
BUT I WILL NOT STOP YOU
MADAME DE POLIGNAC REMAINS YOUR REAL MOTHER
JUST LET ME GO

OH !! MADEMOISELLE OSCAR ... MADEMOISELLE OSCAR ...
ROSALIE, THE POLIGNACS' CARRIAGE IS HERE TO TAKE YOU !!

MADEMOISELLE OSCAR EVEN IF YOU ARE A WOMAN I LOVE YOU SO MUCH THAT IT IS KILLING ME
THAT IS ALSO WHY I AM LEAVING
I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU, EVEN WHEN PEOPLE WILL CALL ME ROSALIE DE POLIGNAC
I WILL NEVER FORGET THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF MY LIFE SPENT WITH THE JARJAYES
OR MY FIRST LOVE !!

PFFF
TAC
TAC
MADEMOI-
SELLE
OSCAR
!?
ROSALIE,
IT IS MY
FAREWELL GIFT
TAKE
THIS
AH ...


AAH !!!
FAREWELL, MY YOUTH ... MY HAPPINESS ...
FARE-WELL !
AH !
FAREWELL... THE JARJAYES' RESIDENCE !!

OSCAR
WITH HER ROSY CHEEKS
SHE WAS LIKE A SPRING BREEZE
FILLING WITH HER FLORAL FLAGRANCE WHEREVER SHE WENT
AND SHE LOVED ME IN SUCH A TOUCHING WAY
BEFORE SHE LEFT, ROSALIE ASKED ME TO HAND THIS OVER TO YOU
OSCAR
HM ?
BECAUSE I AM A WOMAN
BUT I COULD DO NOTHING FOR HER

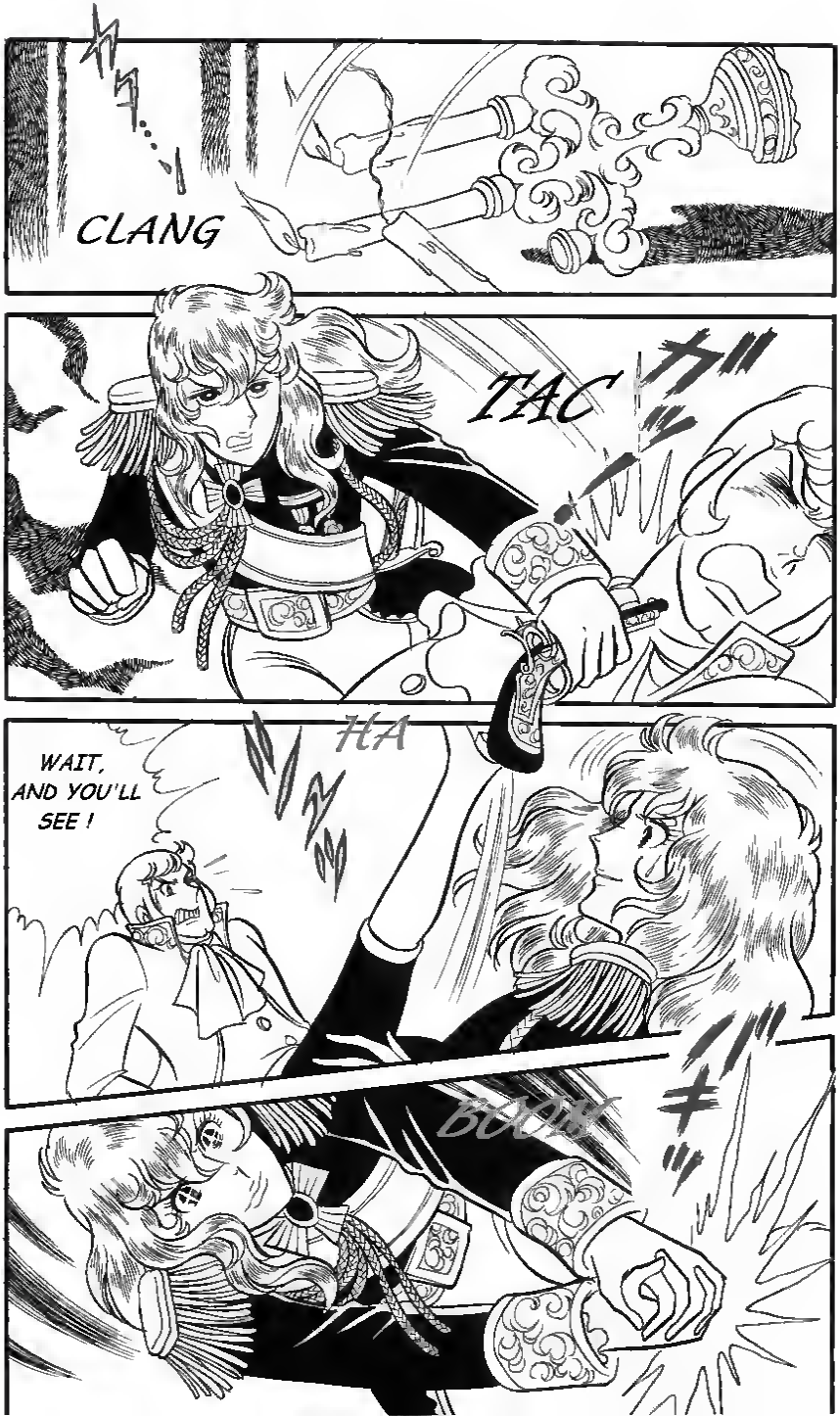
THIS IS A LETTER FROM JEANNE !
BUT !!
ANDRE ! WE'RE LEAVING ! BRING A FEW MEN FROM THE SQUADRON !
SAVERNE JEANNE SHOULD BE THERE !?
GET THE CARRIAGE READY !
WHAT AN AGITATION !
OH ! IT'S MADEMOISELLE OSCAR WHO IS LEAVING NOW !
EVEN IF SHE IS A CRIMINAL, SHE REMAINS YOUR SISTER
YOU MUST HAVE HESITATED LONG BEFORE HANDING IT OVER TO ME
THANK YOU, ROSALIE ! THANK YOU !

IT'S HORRIBLE ! MANY SOLDIERS ARE HEADING TOWARD THE HOUSE !
JEANNE !
WHAT !?
ROSALIE BETRAYED ME !
ROSALIE
WE HAVE PREPARED SOMETHING IN CASE ANYTHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT ! JEANNE, LET'S HURRY !
NICOLAS, DON'T PANIC !
ARE YOU READY ?

BAM!
YOU CAN NOT RUN AWAY !
NICOLAS ! JEANNE !

YOU ARE ALWAYS SO BRAVE
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M HOLDING IN MY HANDS ?
HEHE GOOD MORNING COLONEL ! IT'S BEEN A WHILE
THIS SMELL
IT'S AN EXPLOSIVE POWDER !!?
AH.
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO BLOW UP EVERYTHING, THEN GET YOUR MEN OUT OF HERE !
THIS IS AN EXPLOSIVE POWDER WHICH WAS MADE THIS YEAR BY BERTHOLET, AND ITS DESTRUCTIVE POWER IS UNMATCHED
BRAVO ! I SEE THAT YOU ARE QUITE A CONNOISSEUR, COLONEL
IF I WERE TO LIGHT THIS WICK, THE WHOLE BUILDING COULD ENTIRELY DISAPPEAR

DO AS HE SAYS, GET OUT
ALL RIGHT
OSCAR !!!
AH ...
I ASKED YOU TO LEAVE !!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME !!?
OSCAR !!!
TAP
TAP
JEANNE, GO LOCK THE HOUSE'S DOOR
PFF YOU UNDERSTAND QUICKLY FOR A WOMAN
AAH !!!


CLANG
TAC
HA
WAIT, AND YOU'LL SEE !
BOOM

AH!
NICOLAS !!!
はあ PANT
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DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE ME BECAUSE I AM A WOMAN, I WAS YOUR SUPERIOR !
PANT
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PANT
はあ PANT
BAM

GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND KEEP YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR BACKS !
COME ON, GET UP !
AH...
SHE'S THE ONE WHO GAVE US UP !!?
IT'S ROSALIE, ISN'T ?
CAN YOU IMAGINE THE PAIN THAT SHE HAD TO GO THROUGH IN ORDER TO DO THIS ?
AH ...

MAMAN, ROSALIE AND ME WERE VERY POOR, BUT WE LIVED SURROUNDED BY JOY AND LOVE
IN THE PAST, EVERYTHING WAS GOOD
I REALISE HER KINDNESS NOW THAT I AM AWAY FROM HER
ROSALIE WAS VERY DISCRETE
COME ON ! GET OUT NOW !
I WILL PASS ON YOUR WORDS TO HER
...
WINK

DAMN IT !
CLAANG
AH !
HMPF ! KEEP QUIET, WILL YOU !?
LET GO OF ME, YOU TRAITOR !
AAH !!!
BAM

BAM
SLAP
CLANG
BTAM
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PANT
YOU ARE ONLY A WOMAN !
PANT
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PANT
AAH ! LET GO OF ME !
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT A MAN WITH YOUR BARE HANDS ?

HURRY UP !
JEANNE ! STAB HER WITH THE SWORD WHILE I'M HOLDING HER DOWN !
FSSH...
TAC
FSS
FSS
FSS
HAHA... YOU ARE A WOMAN AFTER ALL, YOUR SENTIMENTALISM DOOMED YOU !
TAC
DAMN !
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ? HURRY UP !

ANDRÉ !!!
ANDRÉ !!!
YOU MUST HAVE IT WRONG WE DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING
WHAT ?
HM ? OSCAR CALLED ME !
HAHAHA
NO ! OSCAR CALLED ME !
IDIOT ! IF YOU GO THERE, THEY WILL BLOW UP EVERYTHING !

PANT
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PANT
PANT
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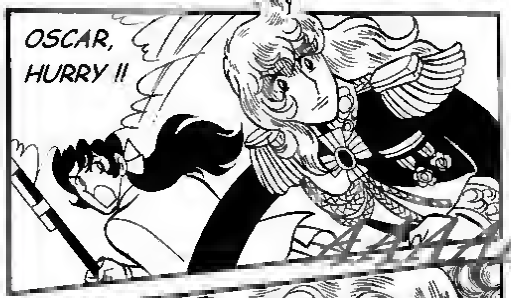
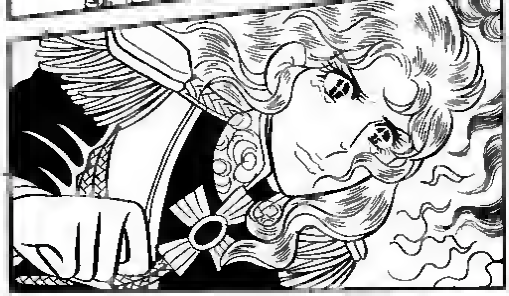
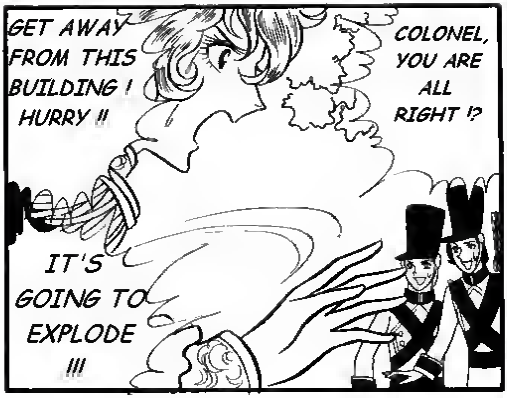
PANT
THIS TIME, GET READY TO DIE !
OSCAR !!!
BTAM
OH !
STABS

AAAAAAAH
NICOLAS
...
MY LOVE !!
NICOLAS !
NICOLAS !
NICOLAS !!
QUICKLY ! WE MUST GET OUT! IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE !

TAC
HAHA ... YOU CAME TO TAKE MY MONEY YOU WON'T FOOL ME
DON'T COME NEAR ME !!
COME ON ! WE MUST LEAVE !
HA HA-HA-HA...
SHE ... IS CRAZY !
IT'S MY MONEY ... I WON'T HAND IT OVER TO NO ONE !!
HA
AH !
STUMBLES
DON'T COME NEAR ME !! GO AWAY !!
COME ON LET'S GO !
THE BUIL-DING IS GOING TO BLOW UP !!


OSCAR, HURRY !!




GET AWAY FROM THIS BUILDING ! HURRY !!
COLONEL, YOU ARE ALL RIGHT !?
IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE !!!

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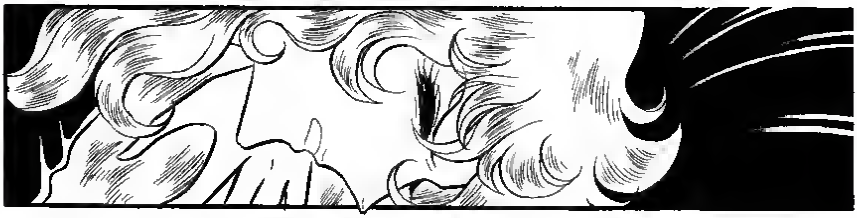
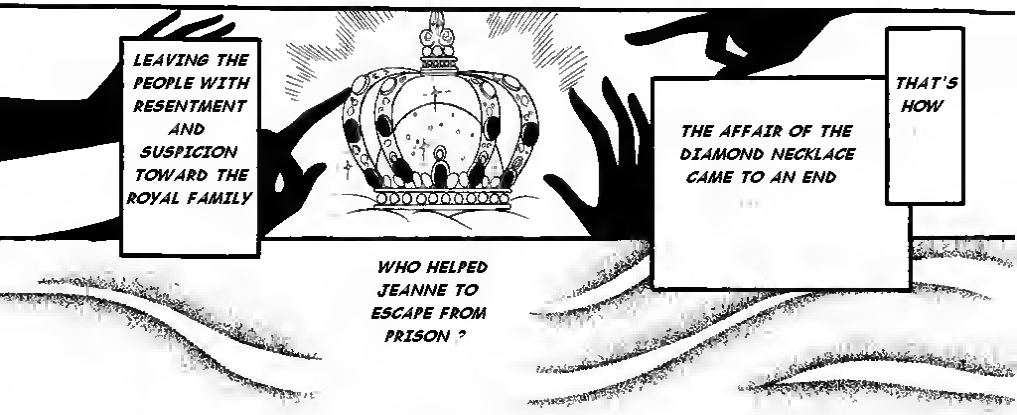
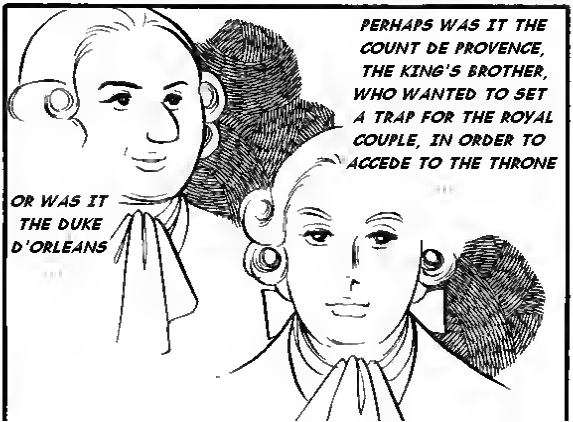



LEAVING THE PEOPLE WITH RESENTMENT AND SUSPICION TOWARD THE ROYAL FAMILY
THAT'S HOW
THE AFFAIR OF THE DIAMOND NECKLACE CAME TO AN END
WHO HELPED JEANNE TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON ?

THE AFFAIR REMAINS UNSOLVED TO THIS DAY !


PERHAPS WAS IT THE COUNT DE PROVENCE, THE KING'S BROTHER, WHO WANTED TO SET A TRAP FOR THE ROYAL COUPLE, IN ORDER TO ACCEDE TO THE THRONE
OR WAS IT THE DUKE D'ORLEANS

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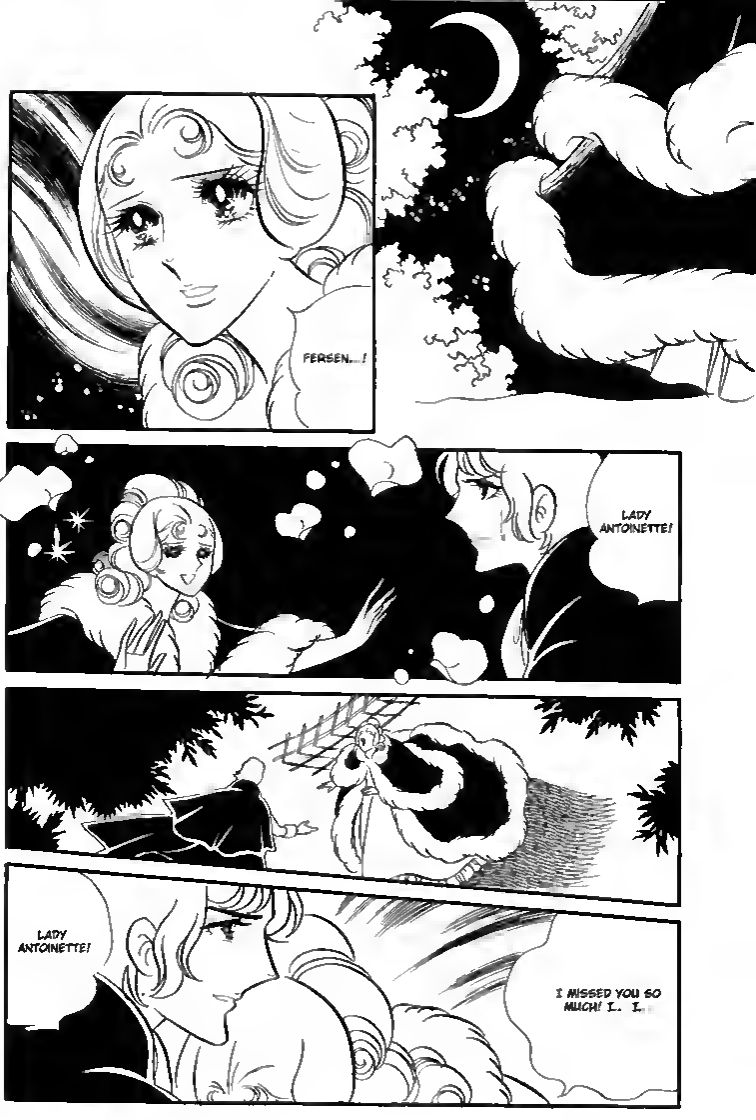
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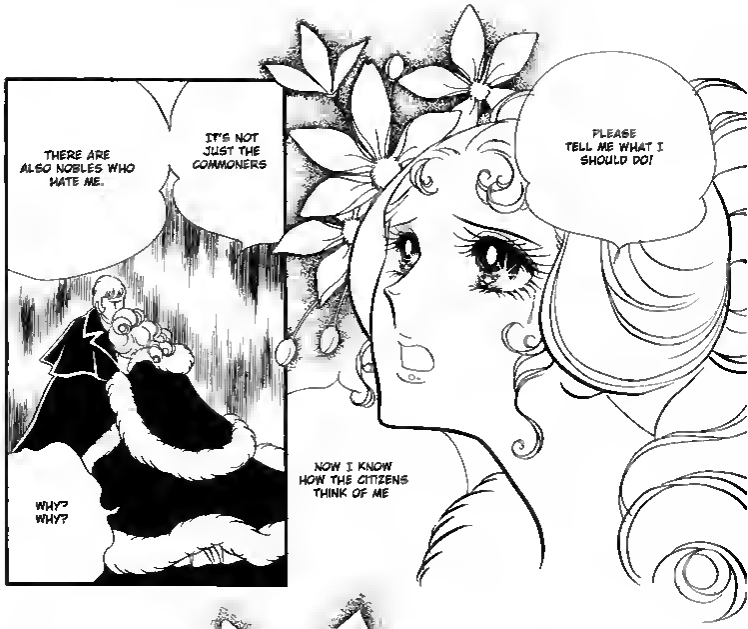
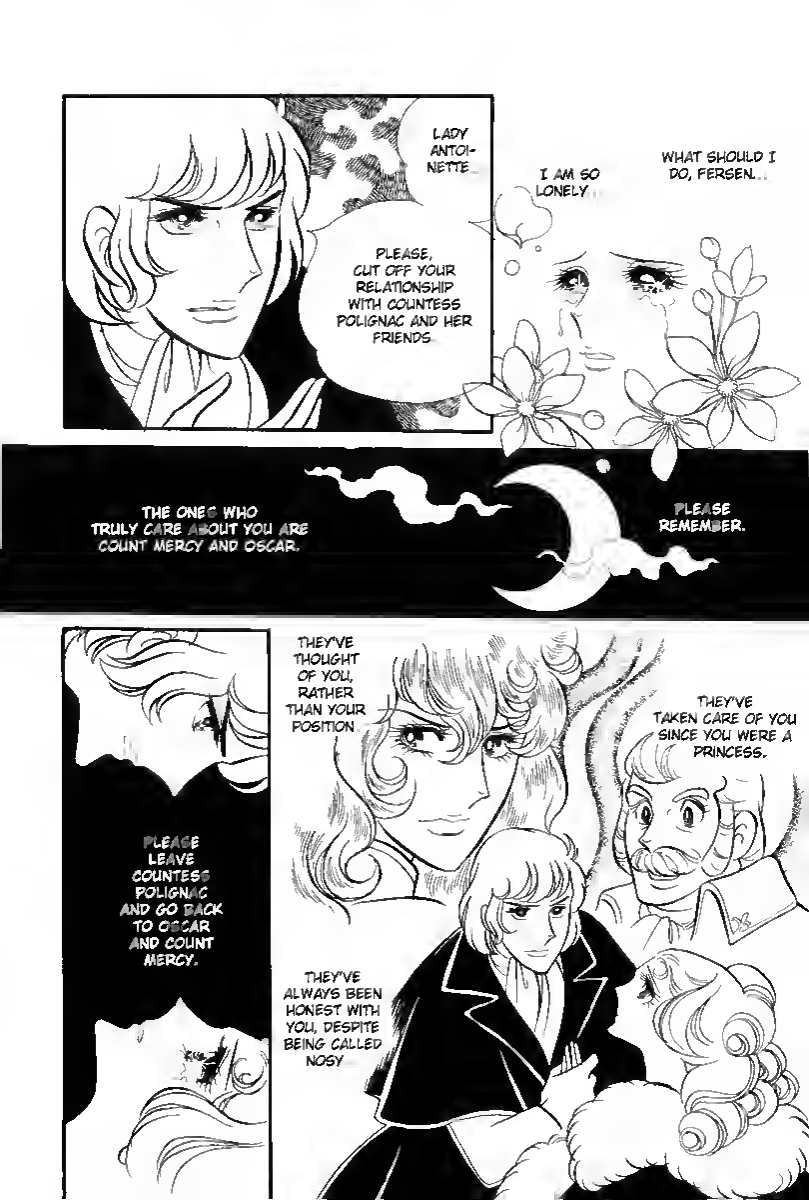
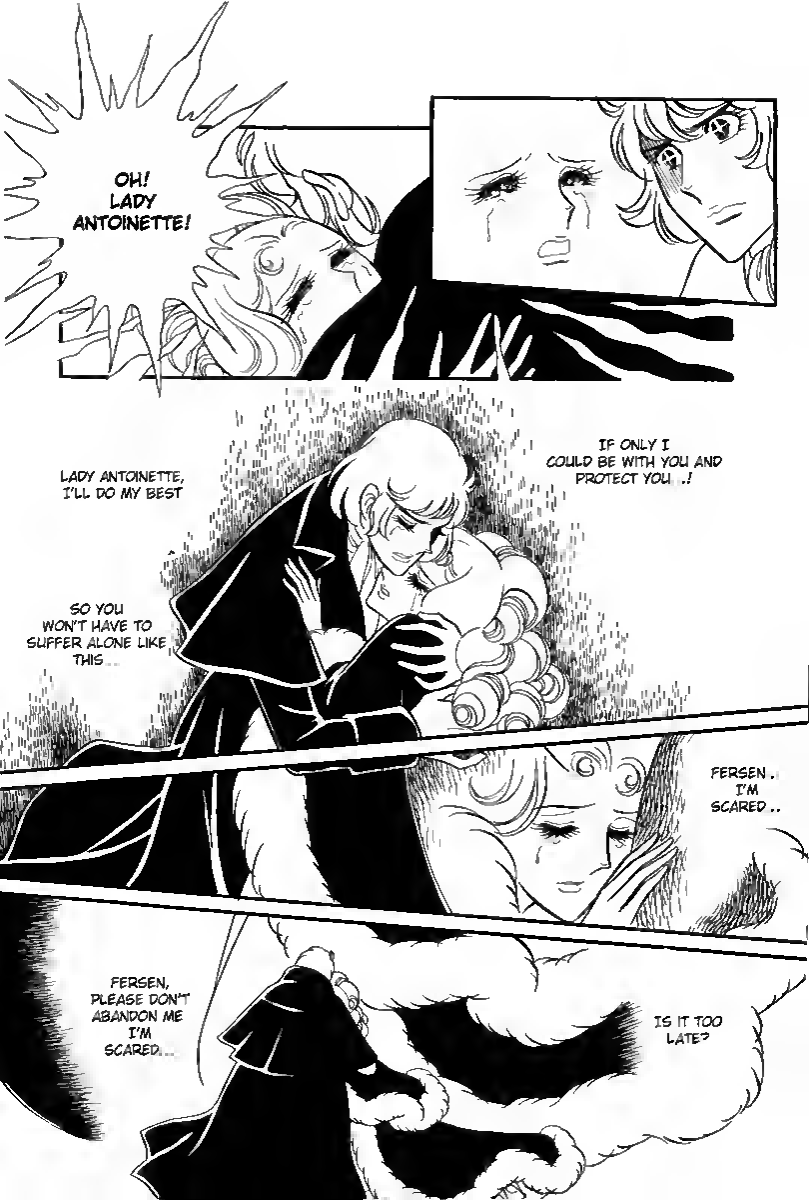
LADY ANTOINETTE!
LADY ANTOINETTE!
I MISSED YOU SO MUCH! I.. I..


THERE ARE ALSO NOBLES WHO HATE ME.
IT'S NOT JUST THE COMMONERS
WHY? WHY?
NOW I KNOW HOW THE CITIZENS THINK OF ME
PLEASE TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO!


LADY ANTOINETTE...
PLEASE, CUT OFF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNTESS POLIGNAC AND HER FRIENDS.
I AM SO LONELY...
WHAT SHOULD I DO, FERSEN...
THE ONES WHO TRULY CARE ABOUT YOU ARE COUNT MERCY AND OSCAR.
PLEASE REMEMBER.
PLEASE LEAVE COUNTESS POLIGNAC AND GO BACK TO OSCAR AND COUNT MERCY.
THEY'VE THOUGHT OF YOU, RATHER THAN YOUR POSITION.
THEY'VE TAKEN CARE OF YOU SINCE YOU WERE A PRINCESS.
THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN HONEST WITH YOU, DESPITE BEING CALLED NOSY.

THEN, YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO VERSAILLES, OPEN COURT AND CALL BACK THE NOBLES.
YOU NEED THEM AS YOUR ALLIES NOW.
I WILL CALL FOR COUNT MERCY AND OSCAR ONCE MORE.
AH.. SO FAR, I'VE CARELESSLY IGNORED
LIKE I USED TO...
THEIR PRECIOUS ADVICE..
STOP SPENDING MONEY ON FRIVOLOUS PASTIMES.
WHAT ELSE?
DON'T NAME ANYONE YOU PLEASE AS CABINET MINISTER.
WHAT ELSE? WHAT ELSE?
STOP THE THEATER PLAYS
I'LL STOP INDULGING IN LUXURY I WON'T BUY ANY MORE EXPENSIVE DRESSES,
I WON'T BUY DIAMONDS
FERSEN! WHAT ELSE?!


OH! LADY ANTOINETTE!
LADY ANTOINETTE, I'LL DO MY BEST
SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER ALONE LIKE THIS...
IF ONLY I COULD BE WITH YOU AND PROTECT YOU..!
FERSEN. I'M SCARED..
FERSEN, PLEASE DON'T ABANDON ME I'M SCARED...
IS IT TOO LATE?

STRANGE... THE QUEEN HAS BEEN ACTING ODDLY...
SHE SUDDENLY LEFT PETIT TRIANON AND WENT BACK TO VERSAILLES.
TO THE BALL AT POLIGNAC'S?
THE QUEEN HAS REJECTED THE INVITATION?
WHAT?
C-CAN'T BE...
CALL ROSALIE TO MY ROOM!
SOMEONE!
MILADY, YOU'RE ALRIGHT!

THERE'S UNOFFICIAL NEWS THAT YOU WILL BE PROMOTED FROM COLONEL TO BRIGADIER GENERAL.
WELL DONE, OSCAR.
I'M BACK, NANNY.
EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT YOUR REPUTATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS
OSCAR
BRIGADIER GENERAL...
IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR ANDRE TO BE PROMOTED...
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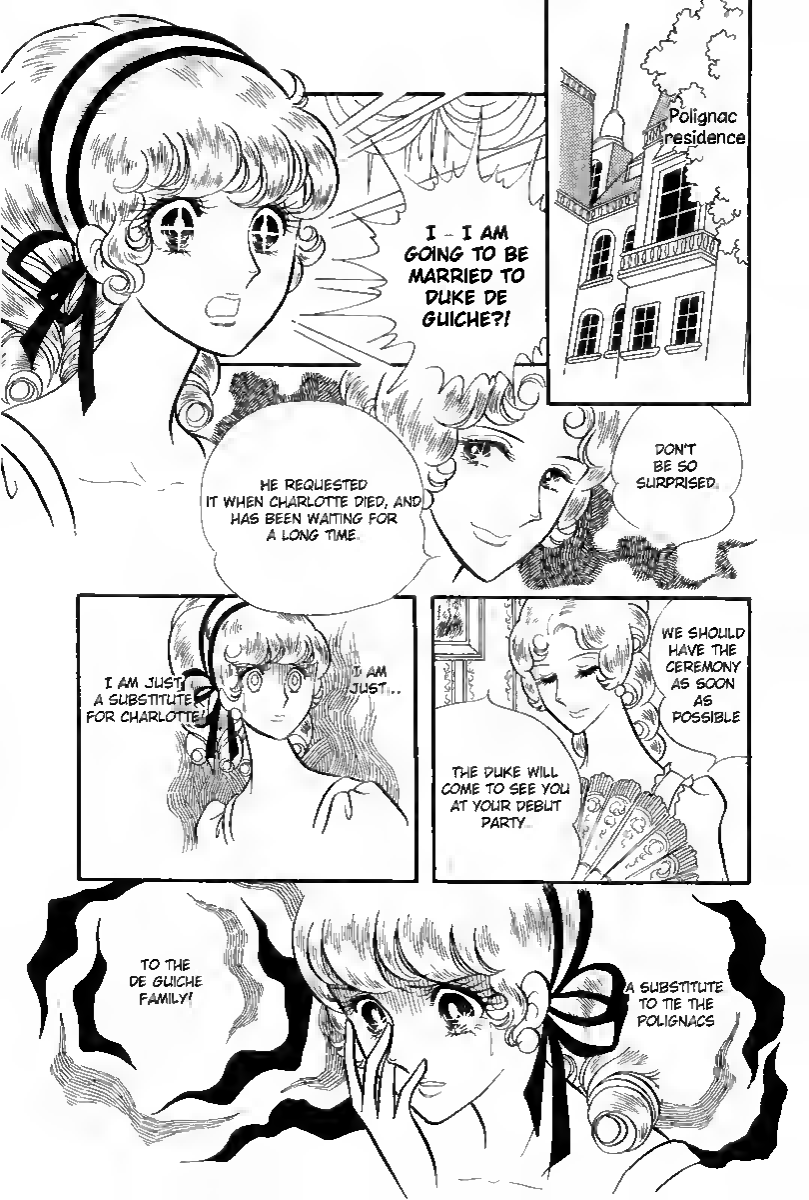
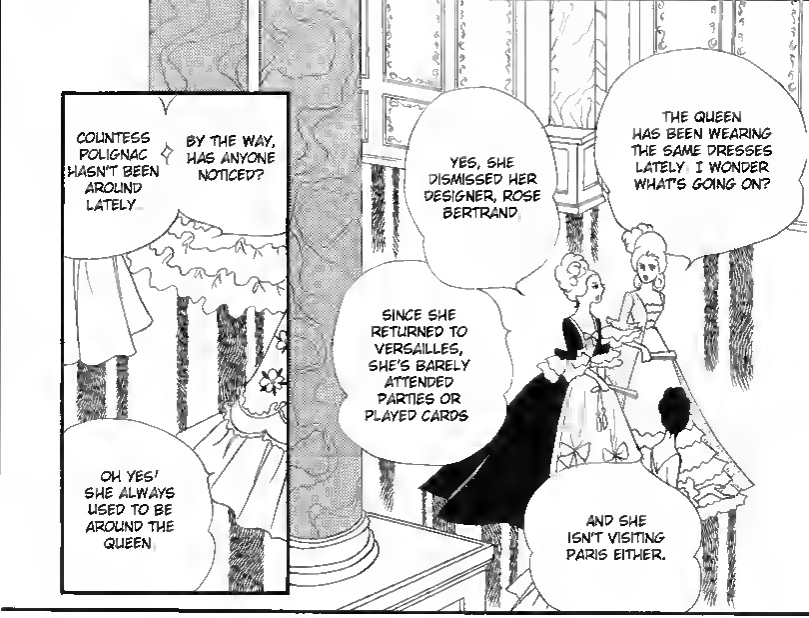
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN DOING THIS LATELY.
AH...
YOU WOULDN'T KNOW, LADY OSCAR
YOU'RE CLOSING UP THE LOCKS RIGOROUSLY TONIGHT.
WHAT IS IT, NANNY?

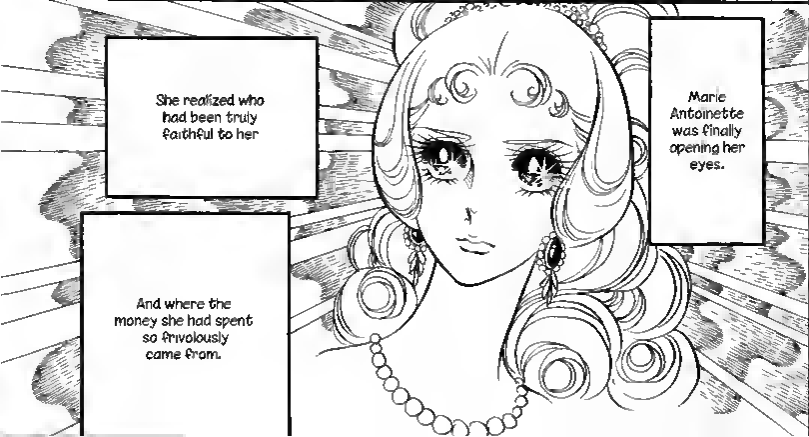
A BURGLAR WHO ATTACKS ALL THE NOBLE HOMES HAS APPEARED
HE USES A BLACK MASK AND WEARS ALL BLACK.
HE SEEMS TO BE A VERY AGILE THIEF.
NO ONE HAS SEEN HIS FACE, BUT HE'S WELL KNOWN IN COURT.
PEOPLE CALL HIM THE BLACK KNIGHT
BLACK KNIGHT?!


Polignac residence
I - I AM GOING TO BE MARRIED TO DUKE DE GUICHE?!
DON'T BE SO SURPRISED.
HE REQUESTED IT WHEN CHARLOTTE DIED, AND HAS BEEN WAITING FOR A LONG TIME.
I AM JUST A SUBSTITUTE FOR CHARLOTTE!
I AM JUST...
WE SHOULD HAVE THE CEREMONY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
THE DUKE WILL COME TO SEE YOU AT YOUR DEBUT PARTY.
TO THE DE GUICHE FAMILY!
A SUBSTITUTE TO TIE THE POLIGNACS

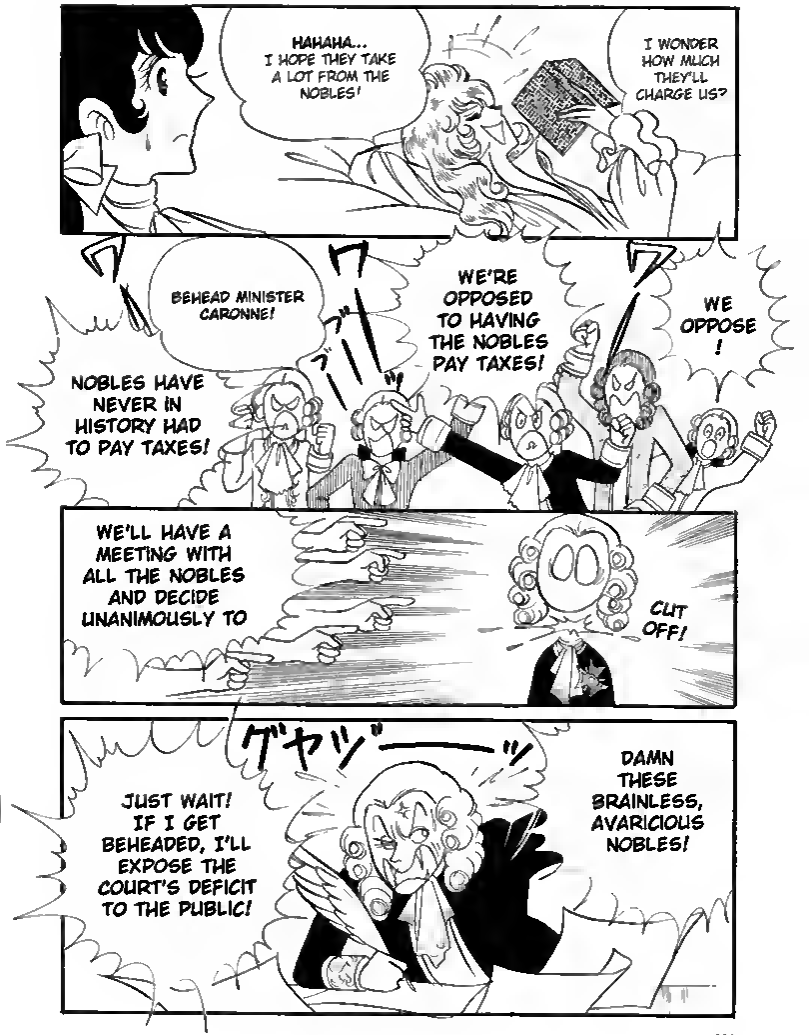
AH! ROSALIE!
DID YOU KNOW? THE QUEEN HAS COME BACK TO VERSAILLES
AND SHE DOESN'T MEET UP WITH THE LADY OR HER FRIENDS ANY LONGER.
THAT'S RIGHT
SHE WANTS TO BECOME THE DUKE'S RELATIVE!
SHE WANTS YOU TO MARRY DUKE DE GUICHE ..
OH... OH!

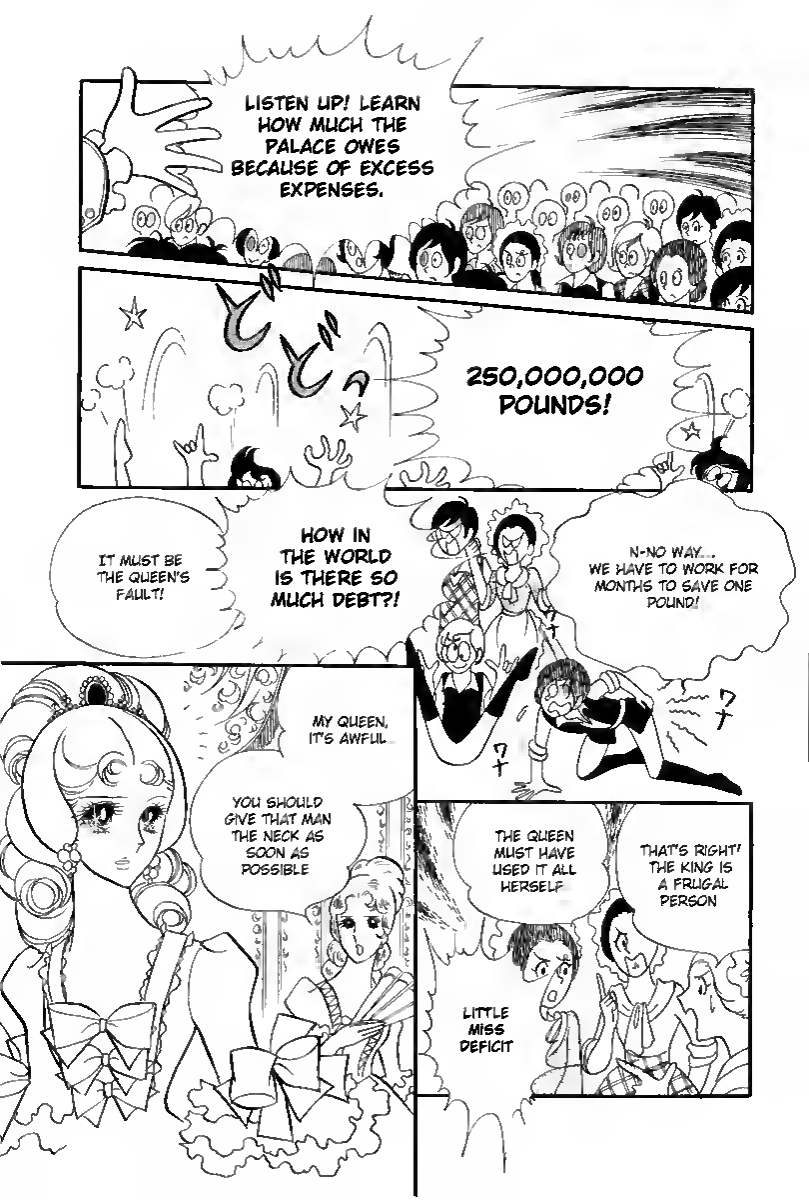

COUNTESS POLIGNAC HASN'T BEEN AROUND LATELY
BY THE WAY, HAS ANYONE NOTICED?
OH YES! SHE ALWAYS USED TO BE AROUND THE QUEEN
YES, SHE DISMISSED HER DESIGNER, ROSE BERTRAND
SINCE SHE RETURNED TO VERSAILLES, SHE'S BARELY ATTENDED PARTIES OR PLAYED CARDS
THE QUEEN HAS BEEN WEARING THE SAME DRESSES LATELY. I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?
AND SHE ISN'T VISITING PARIS EITHER.

COULD BE, IT SEEMS THE QUEEN HAS SQUANDERED A LOT OF MONEY...
DO YOU THINK THE ROYAL FAMILY COULD BE HAVING FINANCIAL TROUBLE?

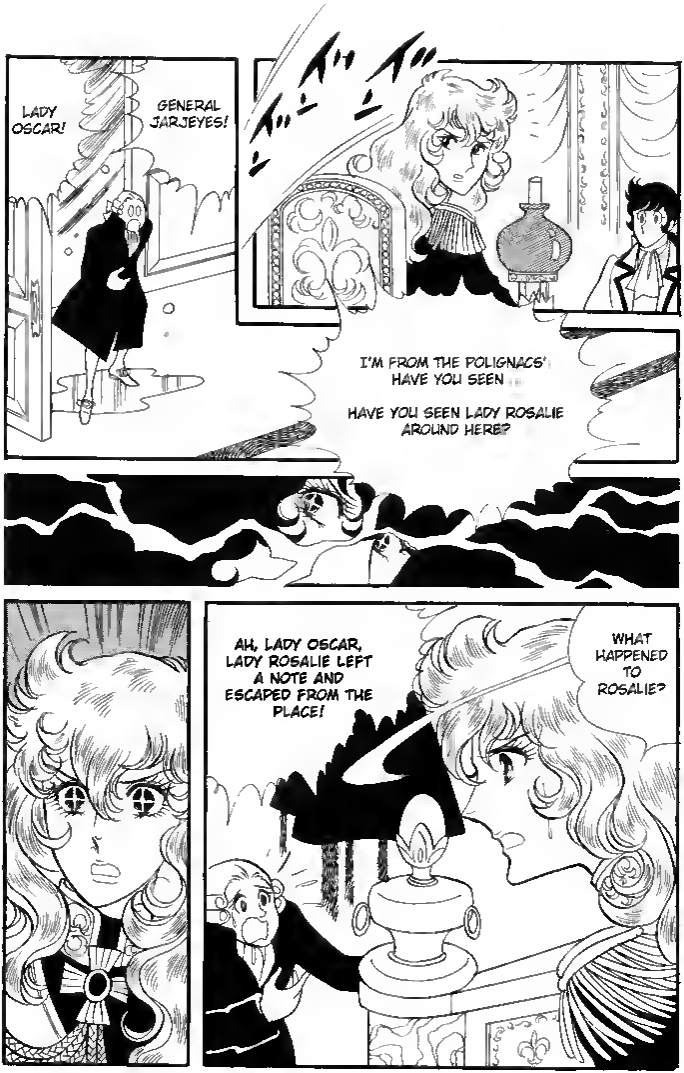

She realized who had been truly faithful to her
Marie Antoinette was finally opening her eyes.
And where the money she had spent so frivolously came from.

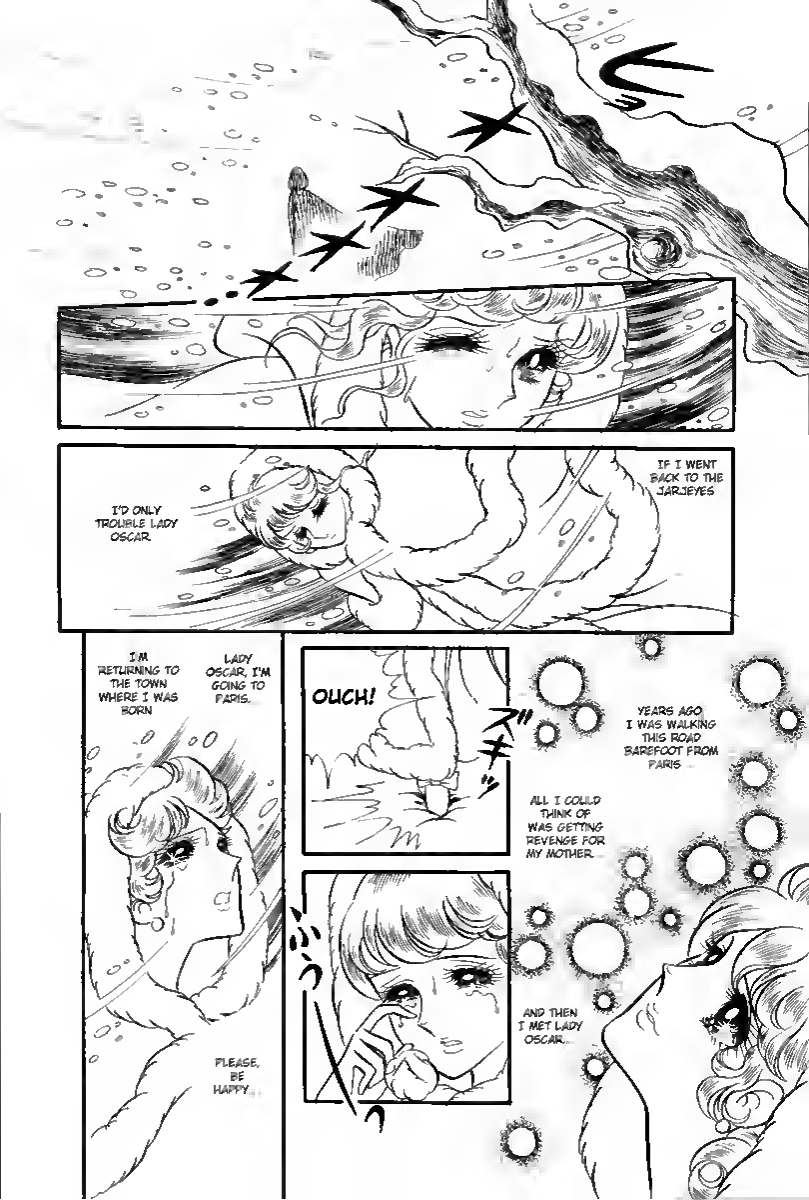
SHE'S WOKEN AS THE TRUE QUEEN OF FRANCE...
LADY ANTOINETTE HAS FINALLY BECOME A QUEEN.
I'M GLAD...
IT SEEMS THE ROYAL FAMILY ALREADY HAS FINANCIAL TROUBLE
I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE ALREADY...
IT'S STRANGE THE WAY IT IS NOW...
WHY ARE YOU SURPRISED?
WHY SHOULD ONLY THE POOR PEOPLE AND COMMONERS PAY, WHEN THE CLERGY AND THE NOBLES DON'T?
EH?! CHARGING THE NOBLES?!
YES...
THE MINISTER OF FINANCE IS THINKING OF CHARGING TAXES TO FIRST CLASS CLERGYMEN AND SECOND CLASS NOBLES...


HAHAHA... I HOPE THEY TAKE A LOT FROM THE NOBLES!
I WONDER HOW MUCH THEY'LL CHARGE US?
BEHEAD MINISTER CARONNE!
NOBLES HAVE NEVER IN HISTORY HAD TO PAY TAXES!
WE'RE OPPOSED TO HAVING THE NOBLES PAY TAXES!
WE OPPOSE!
WE'LL HAVE A MEETING WITH ALL THE NOBLES AND DECIDE UNANIMOUSLY TO
CUT OFF!
JUST WAIT! IF I GET BEHEADED, I'LL EXPOSE THE COURT'S DEFICIT TO THE PUBLIC!
DAMN THESE BRAINLESS, AVARICIOUS NOBLES!


LISTEN UP! LEARN HOW MUCH THE PALACE OWES BECAUSE OF EXCESS EXPENSES.
250,000,000 POUNDS!
IT MUST BE THE QUEEN'S FAULT!
HOW IN THE WORLD IS THERE SO MUCH DEBT?!
N-NO WAY... WE HAVE TO WORK FOR MONTHS TO SAVE ONE POUND!
MY QUEEN, IT'S AWFUL...
YOU SHOULD GIVE THAT MAN THE NECK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
THE QUEEN MUST HAVE USED IT ALL HERSELF
THAT'S RIGHT! THE KING IS A FRUGAL PERSON
LITTLE MISS DEFICIT

I WON'T ELECT MINISTERS MYSELF ANY LONGER.
COUNTESS POLIGNAC!
PLEASE SPEAK TO THE KING.
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON THE NEXT MINISTER YET?
SAY.. YOUR MAJESTY
ONE OF MY RELATIVES HAS HIS EYE ON THAT POSITION..
I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HER. .
I WONDER HOW ROSALIE IS..
HEHE... THAT'S GREAT NEWS!
POLIGNAC'S INFLUENCE IS DECLINING..


LADY OSCAR!
GENERAL JARJEYES!
I'M FROM THE POLIGNACS'! HAVE YOU SEEN...
HAVE YOU SEEN LADY ROSALIE AROUND HERE?
AH, LADY OSCAR, LADY ROSALIE LEFT A NOTE AND ESCAPED FROM THE PLACE!
WHAT HAPPENED TO ROSALIE?


I'D ONLY TROUBLE LADY OSCAR
IF I WENT BACK TO THE JARJEYES
I'M RETURNING TO THE TOWN WHERE I WAS BORN
LADY OSCAR, I'M GOING TO PARIS.
PLEASE, BE HAPPY...
OUCH!
ZIKI
YEARS AGO, I WAS WALKING THIS ROAD BAREFOOT FROM PARIS...
ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS GETTING REVENGE FOR MY MOTHER...
AND THEN I MET LADY OSCAR...

ROSALIE?
NO, SHE HASN'T BEEN TO MY PLACE
I SEE ..
FERSEN, IF SHE COMES HERE
PLEASE TELL HER TO COME BACK TO THE JARJEYES'
ALRIGHT! I WILL
OSCAR...
WHEN I HEARD YOU WENT TO CAPTURE NICHOLAS AND JEANNE, I WANTED TO GO WITH YOU
I'M GLAD YOU CAME BACK SAFELY FROM SALVERNE.

THAT'S WHY I LET YOU FACE THE DANGER ON YOUR OWN SORRY, OSCAR.
FOR LADY ANTOINETTE'S SAKE, I CAN'T DO AS I PLEASE.
IT SEEMS HE'S BEEN BREAKING INTO NOBLES' HOUSES.
AH, THAT THIEF!
IF HE'S TARGETING THE NOBLES, HE'S PROBABLY FROM THE THIRD CLASS
HIS BASE IS PROBABLY IN PARIS.
LIKE AN AGILE FALCON, HE ESCAPES WITH GEMS AND FIREARMS.
IT WAS MY DUTY.
FERSEN, TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BLACK KNIGHT
THE BLACK KNIGHT?!
HE PROBABLY SELLS OUT THE JEWELS..
BUT WHY DOES HE WANT THE FIREARMS?

OSCAR, ARE YOU PLANNING TO CATCH HIM?
I CAN'T LET HIM GO ON LIKE THIS
PLEASE, PROTECT LADY ANTOINETTE FOR ME!
OSCAR
FERSEN...
THIS IS BRIGADIER GENERAL OSCAR FRANCOIS DE JARJEYES, COMMANDER OF THE IMPERIAL GUARDS TROOP.
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU MY SISTER SOPHIE, COMING BACK FROM SWEDEN
OH, SHE'S COME!
MISTER HANS AXEL, LADY SOPHIE HAS ARRIVED
AH, IT'S ALRIGHT, I SPEAK FRENCH, MONSIEUR.
MY FATHER IS VERY INTERESTED IN FRANCE
WELCOME, MILADY.

I'LL BE LEAVING NOW, LADY SOPHIE, I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY IN FRANCE
ALREADY LEAVING, OSCAR?
YES
WILL YOU ATTEND DUCHESS CONTI'S BALL NEXT WEEK, FERSEN?
I BELIEVE SO
I'D LIKE TO SHOW SOPHIE A VERSAILLES BALL.
ALRIGHT!
A WOMAN?!
OH... I EVEN CALLED HER MONSIEUR
FRENCHMEN ARE SOMETHING ELSE! SO ELEGANT AND GORGEOUS.
WHAT A WONDERFUL PERSON, BROTHER!
HEY! DESPITE HER LOOKS, OSCAR IS A FULL-FLEDGED WOMAN.

STUPID! DON'T SAY THOSE THINGS.
BUT BROTHER
THAT TYPE OF PERSON RARELY LIVES LONG.
FERSEN.
IS THERE NO SPACE FOR ME IN YOUR HEART?
HOW FAR WILL YOU TAKE YOUR FRUITLESS LOVE FOR LADY ANTOINETTE, IN THE PATH TO DESTRUCTION?
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IT'S PAINFUL...
TELL ME, ANDRE, ROSALIE..
EVERYONE IS LIKE THIS
EVERYONE ENDURES UNREQUITED LOVE ALONE

WILL I BE ABLE TO GIVE UP?
WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO FORGET HIM?
WILL I BE ABLE TO GIVE UP?!

LADY OSCAR IS FINALLY WEARING A DRESS!
I'M SO HAPPY!
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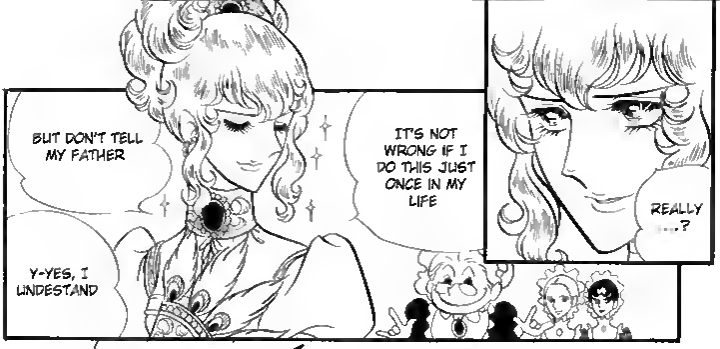
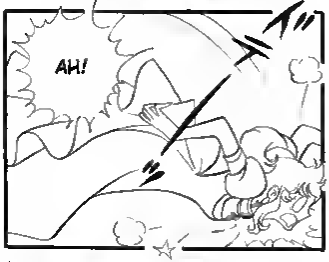
WHERE IS THE CORSET? IS THE PAGNE READY?
SHE SAID SHE'S GOING TO A BALL
AH, BUSY BUSY!
MUST BE A NIGHTMARE! MY OSCAR -
MY OSCAR WILL WEAR A DRESS AND DANCE WITH MEN?!
OSCAR WEARING A DRESS?!
STOP THAT! THIS CORSET IS LIKE ARMOR!
AH! D-DON'T TIE IT SO TIGHTLY, IT HURTS!
STAY STILL PLEASE!

WITH HER LONG LEGS, SHE'LL PROBABLY LOOK LIKE A SCARECROW COVERED WITH PIECE OF CLOTH.
OSCAR WITH A DRESS.
FRENCH STYLE? TURKISH STYLE?
HOW SHOULD I TIE THE ROBE?
ANYTHING IS FINE!
AH
HEH! AS IF!
ANDRE, THERE YOU ARE!
LOOK AT THE LADY IN A DRESS, YOU WON'T BELIEVE YOUR EYES.
COME LOOK!

I CAN BARELY WALK...
IT'S VERY TIGHT...
B-BUT... YOU LOOK VERY BEAUTIFUL...


BUT DON'T TELL MY FATHER
Y-YES, I UNDESTAND
IT'S NOT WRONG IF I DO THIS JUST ONCE IN MY LIFE
REALLY ...?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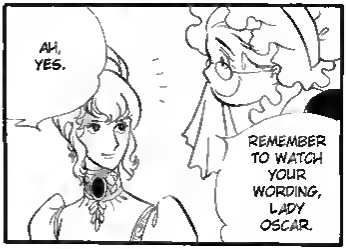
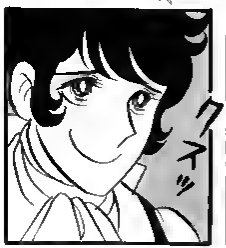
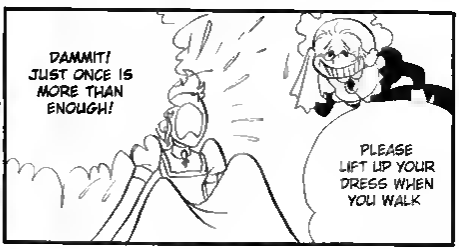
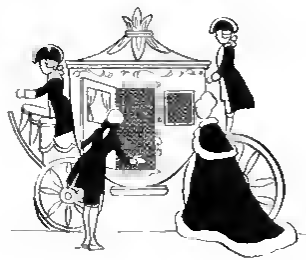
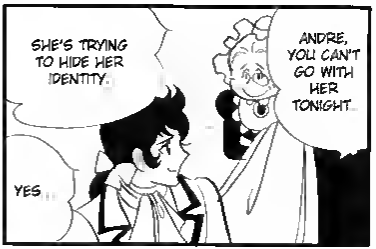

AH, YES.
REMEMBER TO WATCH YOUR WORDING, LADY OSCAR.




DAMMIT! JUST ONCE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!
PLEASE LIFT UP YOUR DRESS WHEN YOU WALK




SHE'S TRYING TO HIDE HER IDENTITY.
YES...
ANDRE, YOU CAN'T GO WITH HER TONIGHT.

LOOKING AT YOU IS INTOXICATING ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THIS FOR FERSEN?
OSCAR, OSCAR! YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL, LIKE APHRODITE!
MY OSCAR!
HOW AWFUL!
HAVE YOU HEARD? THE BLACK KNIGHT BROKE INTO LADY LAMBARRE'S MANSION LAST NIGHT
ALL HER DIAMONDS WERE STOLEN DURING THE BALL!

RIGHT... AND THIS JUST AFTER THE NECKLACE INCIDENT...
I MUST BE CAREFUL TOO
HE MUST BE VERY DARING TO BREAK INTO THAT PLACE!
WOW! THAT WOMAN...
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE
SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL!
LOOK AT THAT!
IT SEEMS SHE'S A FOREIGN COUNTESS..
A FOEIGNER!
I WONDER WHERE SHE'S FROM

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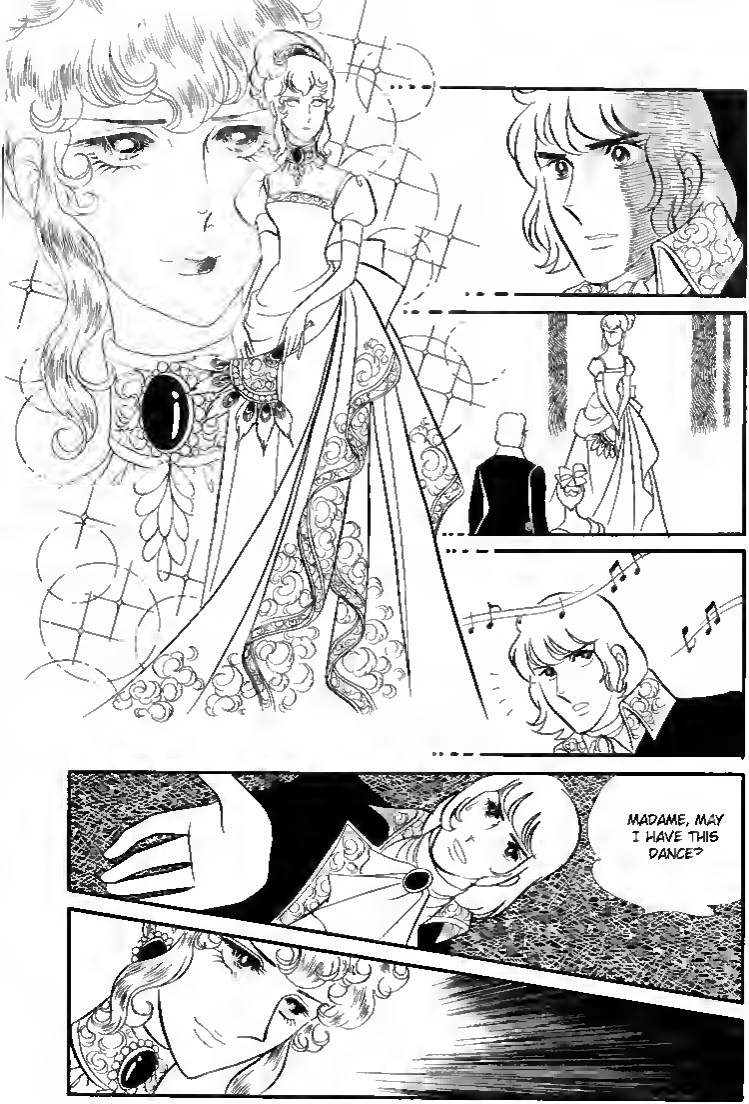
THERE ARE PEOPLE THIS BEAUTIFUL IN THE WORLD!
BROTHER, LOOK!
SHE'S AS BEAUTIFUL AS A SCULPTURE!
IT SEEMS SHE'S A FOREIGN COUNTESS.


MADAME, MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

FERSEN'S HANDS, FERSEN'S CHEST... THEY'RE REAL. I'VE DREAMED OF HIM EMBRACING ME AS A WOMAN...
HER ODALISQUE STYLE DRESS REALLY SUITS HER!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMEONE SO GRACEFUL!
AND HER FIGURE SEEMS SO SUPPLE!
WAH, I FEEL INADEQUATE! SHE'S SO SLENDER!
IT'S COUNTESS POLIGNAC!
LOOK!

HMPH!
PLEASE PREPARE A SEAT FOR ME!
S-SOME-ONE...
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
COUNTESS...

I'M SORRY, MADAME!
I KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS A LOT LIKE YOU...
A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, WITH BLONDE HAIR AS SPLENDID AS YOURS...
A GENTLE AND REFINED WOMAN. SOMEONE WHO WOULD GIVE UP HER LIFE FOR HER IDEALS.
THOUGH A BEAUTY
SHE WRAPS HER BODY IN A GOLDEN MILITARY OUTFIT, AND REJECTS MEN'S LOOKS, LIKE A FLOWER OF ICE.
OSCAR
ARE YOU OSCAR?
AH...

AH!
A GENTLE AND REFINED WOMAN.
WITH BLONDE HAIR AS SPLENDID AS YOURS.
A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

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FERSEN HELD ME IN HIS ARMS, AND IN HIS EYES.
FERSEN'S LIPS SPOKE TO ME
SOMEONE WHO WOULD GIVE UP HER LIFE FOR HER IDEALS
I CAN GIVE UP...
I'M GLAD THAT...

WITH THIS, I CAN LET HIM GO!
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WAH
WHAT IS THIS?!
YOU RUFFIAN!
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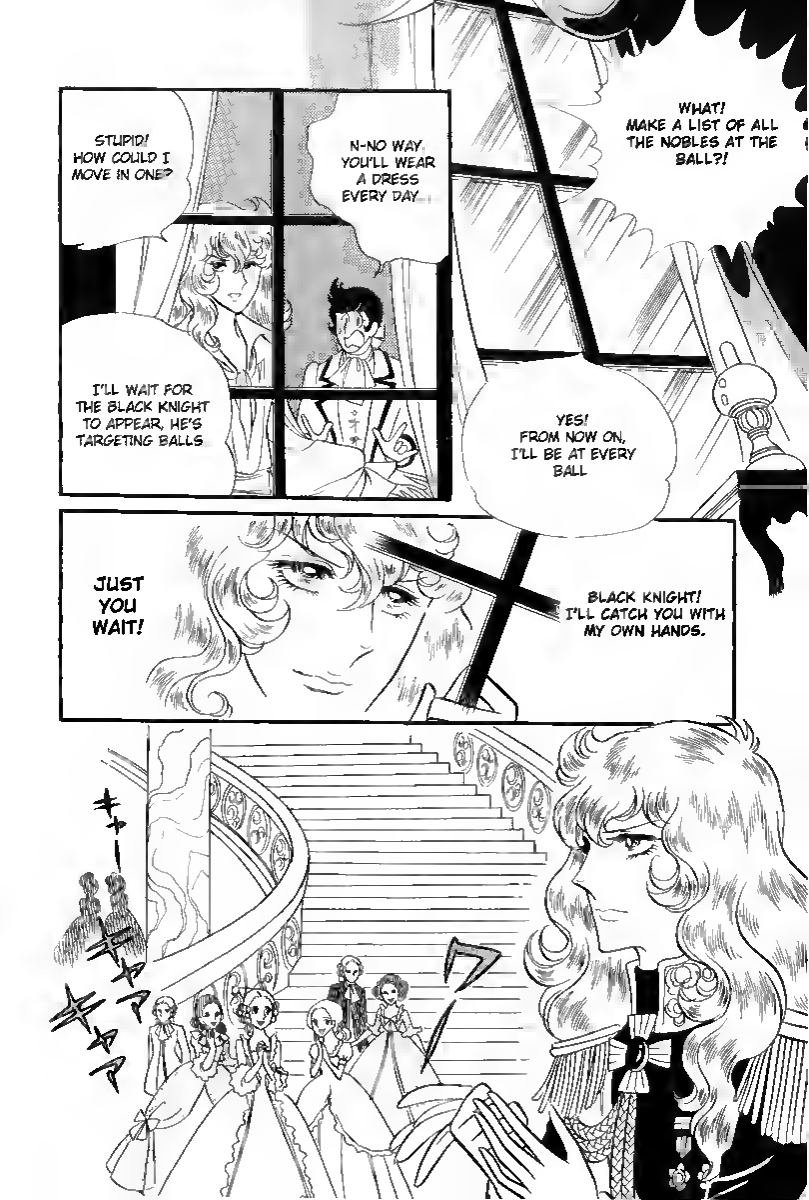
WHO IS THIS WOMAN?
WAIT! ARE YOU THE BLACK KNIGHT?
THIS WAY! I HEARD SOUNDS...
YES! THERE'S A BLACK SHAPE.


WHAT! MAKE A LIST OF ALL THE NOBLES AT THE BALL?!
YES! FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE AT EVERY BALL
N-NO WAY. YOU'LL WEAR A DRESS EVERY DAY.
STUPID! HOW COULD I MOVE IN ONE?
I'LL WAIT FOR THE BLACK KNIGHT TO APPEAR. HE'S TARGETING BALLS.
BLACK KNIGHT! I'LL CATCH YOU WITH MY OWN HANDS.
JUST YOU WAIT!
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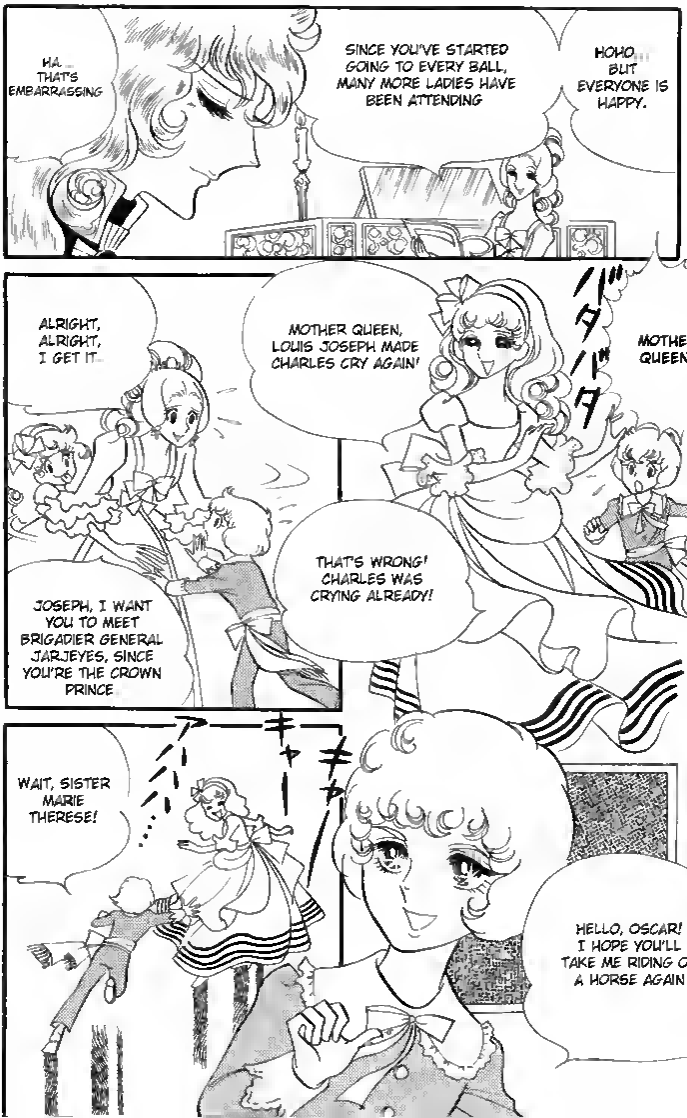
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE FELT THIS EXCITED. MAKES ME WANT TO HAVE SECRET ADVENTURES, HIDING FROM THEIR MOTHERS
THIS IS SPLENDID LATELY THERE HAVE BEEN MORE YOUNG LADIES AT BALLS
LADY OSCAR!
LADY OSCAAR
ARGH
T-THAT'S RIGHT
IT SEEMS THEIR FAVORITE WAS BRIGADIER GENERAL OSCAR FRANCOIS DE JARJEYES.
HOW DID IT GO? DID THE BLACK KNIGHT SHOW UP, OSCAR?
UNFORTUNATELY HE'S ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE HIM


HA... THAT'S EMBARRASSING
SINCE YOU'VE STARTED GOING TO EVERY BALL, MANY MORE LADIES HAVE BEEN ATTENDING
HOHO... BUT EVERYONE IS HAPPY.
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, I GET IT.
MOTHER QUEEN, LOUIS JOSEPH MADE CHARLES CRY AGAIN!
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MOTHER QUEEN!
JOSEPH, I WANT YOU TO MEET BRIGADIER GENERAL JARJEYES, SINCE YOU'RE THE CROWN PRINCE.
THAT'S WRONG! CHARLES WAS CRYING ALREADY!
WAIT, SISTER MARIE THERESE!
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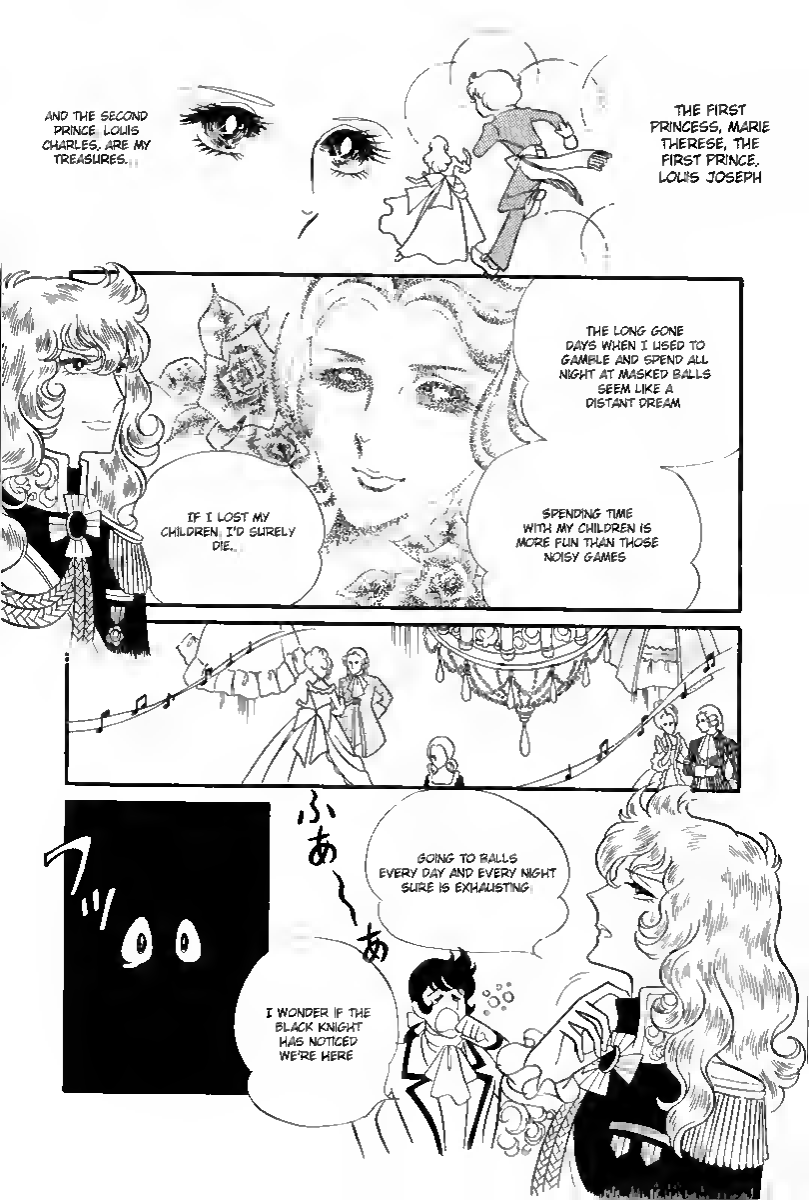
HELLO, OSCAR! I HOPE YOU'LL TAKE ME RIDING ON A HORSE AGAIN


AND THE SECOND PRINCE, LOUIS CHARLES, ARE MY TREASURES.
THE FIRST PRINCESS, MARIE THERESE, THE FIRST PRINCE, LOUIS JOSEPH
THE LONG GONE DAYS WHEN I USED TO GAMBLE AND SPEND ALL NIGHT AT MASKED BALLS SEEM LIKE A DISTANT DREAM
IF I LOST MY CHILDREN, I'D SURELY DIE.
SPENDING TIME WITH MY CHILDREN IS MORE FUN THAN THOSE NOISY GAMES
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GOING TO BALLS EVERY DAY AND EVERY NIGHT SURE IS EXHAUSTING
I WONDER IF THE BLACK KNIGHT HAS NOTICED WE'RE HERE

HEY! WHO TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS?
THERE!
W-WHO JUST TOUCHED MY NECK?
ANDRE!
YES I'M FINE!
MY BRACELET IS GONE!
MY NECKLACE!
IT'S THE BLACK KNIGHT!
HURRY, TURN ON THE LIGHTS!
IT'S THE BLACK KNIGHT!

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WAIT, BLACK KNIGHT!
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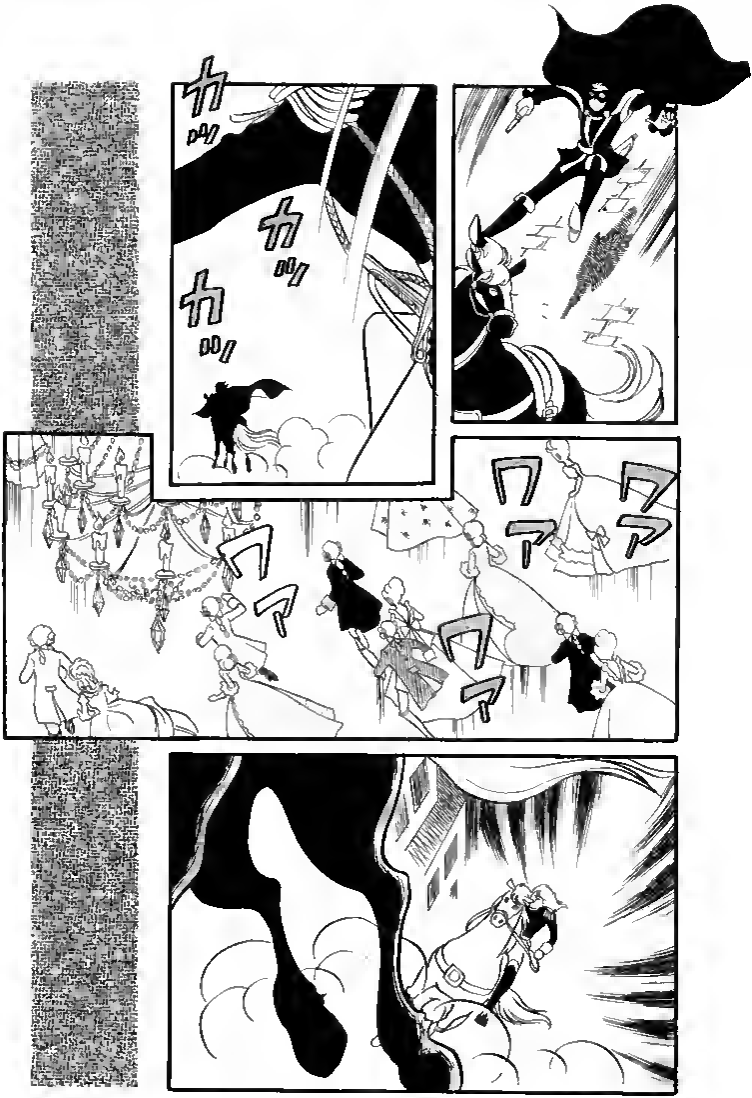
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AH!
HE'S HEADED FOR PARIS.
I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE, BLACK KNIGHT. I'LL TEAR OFF YOUR MASK.
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WAIT!

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AH!
HE .. HE'S GONE?!
THIS PLACE .

IT'S THE ROYAL PALACE!
DUKE ORLEANS' CASTLE!
I'D HEARD THERE WAS A FACTION AGAINST THE KING GATHERING AT THE ROYAL PALACE...
I DON'T GET IT... WHY IS THE BLACK KNIGHT AT THE KING'S COUSIN'S PLACE?
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IDIOT! WHAT A DIMWIT!
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DON'T KILL HER! SHE'S THE COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL GUARDS
WE'LL DO IT AT THE ARMORY
AH!
BY ARMORY, COULD THEY MEAN...
COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL GUARDS... ARMORY...
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WHERE DID SHE GO?!
THIS WAY, THIS WAY!

AH...
WHAT...
THIS PLACE...
THAT...
WHY AM I...

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ROSALIE?!

IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S WOKEN UP
W-WHERE AM I?
ROSALIE,
I AM SORRY I WAS GOING TO BE MARRIED OFF
I WAS SO WORRIED
SO I CAME TO THIS PLACE NEXT TO WHERE I USED TO LIVE...
AND SURPRISE...IT WAS THE PERSON IN THIS GIRL'S PORTRAIT
LAST NIGHT I HEARD SOME STRANGE NOISES SO I WENT TO LOOK
YOU SEEM LIKE A FIRM PERSON. WHEN I BROUGHT YOU INTO THE HOUSE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS
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AND I CAN TAKE SOME OF THE LEFT-OVERS
I-I WORK AT A VEGETABLE MARKET NOW.
I'M USED TO WORKING.
AH. I'LL BRING YOU SOME FOOD
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LADY OSCAR!
ROSALIE?!
ROSALIE, YOU'RE SO STUPID! WHY DIDN'T YOU COME BACK TO MY PLACE RIGHT AWAY!
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING ANYMORE
LADY OSCAR! LADY OSCAR!
LADY OSCAAAR!
COUNTESS POLIGNAC HAS COMPLETELY LOST HER INFLUENCE IN THE COURT.

COULD I HAVE SOMETHING BEFORE EATING? A CAFé AU LAIT, MAYBE?
AH, ERM
SORRY, THAT'S ALL WE HAVE NOW...
AH...
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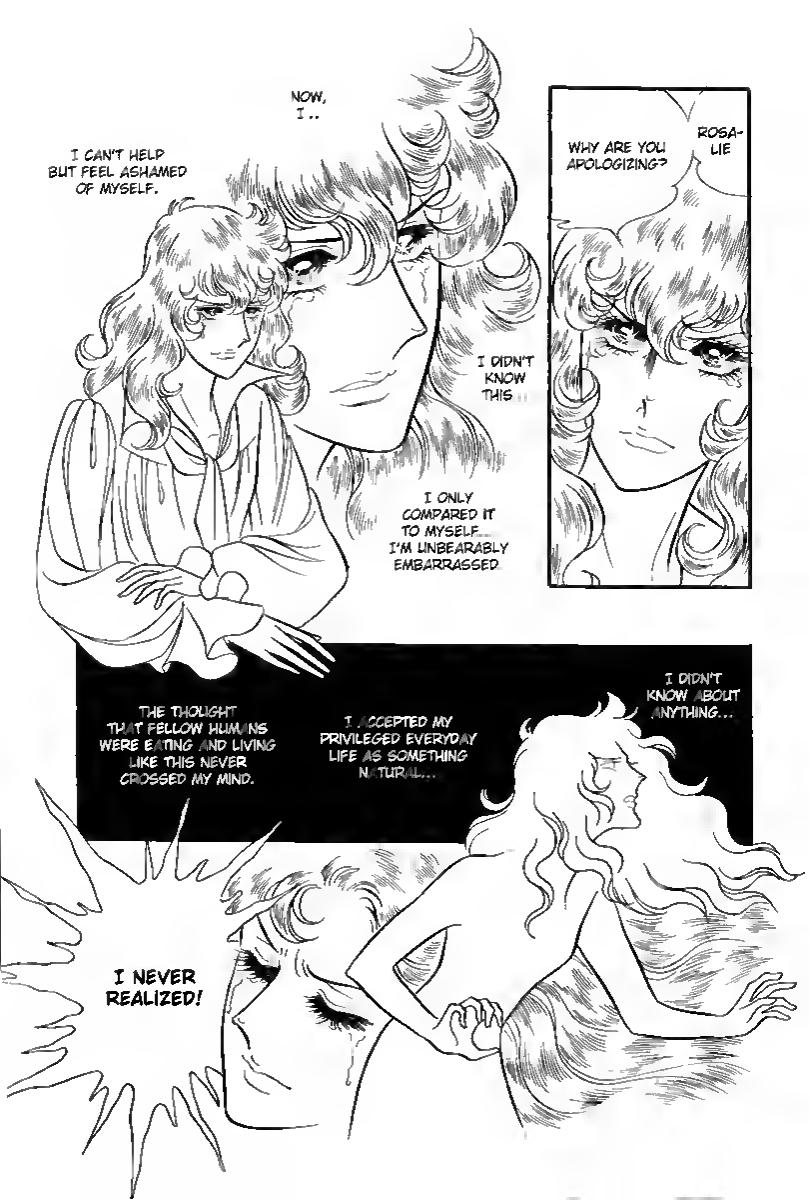
THIS CAN'T BE CALLED A SOUP, WITH JUST SOME SCRAPS OF VEGETABLES FLOATING! THIS IS NOT A MEAL!
ONLY THIS?!
WE HAVE LOTS OF ENTRéES, GRILLED MEAT, JELLY AND WINE...
HAS A VARIETY OF HORS D'OEUVRES, AND SEVERAL TYPES OF SOUP
IT CAN'T BE... THE FOOD AT MY PLACE

LADY OSCAR...
I'M SORRY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY BREAD I'M SORRY...
I'M SORRY, YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT...


NOW, I..
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL ASHAMED OF MYSELF.
I DIDN'T KNOW THIS!!
I ONLY COMPARED IT TO MYSELF... I'M UNBEARABLY EMBARRASSED
ROSA-LIE
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT ANYTHING...
I ACCEPTED MY PRIVILEGED EVERYDAY LIFE AS SOMETHING NATURAL...
THE THOUGHT THAT FELLOW HUMANS WERE EATING AND LIVING LIKE THIS NEVER CROSSED MY MIND.
I NEVER REALIZED!

THIS FOOD THAT YOU WORKED SO HARD TO OBTAIN, UNTIL YOUR SMALL HANDS WERE CHAPPED
ROSALIE
I WILL ENJOY IT WITHOUT RESERVATIONS
LADY OSCAR..
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MOTHER AND NANNY WILL BE SURPRISED YOU'RE BACK!

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WHAT IS IT?
THE BAKERY?!
THE OWNER WAS MURDERED!
THE BAKERY OVER THERE WAS MUGGED!
A CROWD ATTACKED IT AND THERE IS NOTHING LEFT!
HE HAD IT COMING! ALWAYS RESTRICTING THE SALES!
PARIS HAS BECOME A DANGEROUS PLACE...

I WANT YOU TO MAKE A LIST OF ALL NOBLE HOUSES INSIDE THIS CIRCLE
HERE IS PARIS AND HERE IS VERSAILLES
LISTEN, ANDRE, THIS IS THE JARJEYES HOUSE
USING A FAKE BLACK KNIGHT AND MAKING HIM ATTACK ALL THE HOUSES IN ORDER.
YOU MEAN TO LURE THE BLACK KNIGHT INTO THE JARJEYES HOUSE? HOW?
W-WHO WOULD DO SUCH...?
A FAKE?!

AND WHEN HE APPEARS, YOU'LL LURE HIM HERE...
IF AN IMPOSTOR APPEARS, HE WON'T IGNORE IT.
WELL THEN, YOUR HAIR, ANDRE...
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I-I WON'T! DRESS UP AS THAT THIEF!
I WON'T!
THAT'S RIGHT YOU'LL DO IT, ANDRE
L-LEAVE MY HAIR ALONE
MY HAIR ISN'T LIKE YOURS, I CAN'T JUST IGNORE IT AND LEAVE IT AS I PLEASE!
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WELL EXCUSE ME! I DEDICATE MYSELF TO GROOMING MY HAIR EVERY MORNING!
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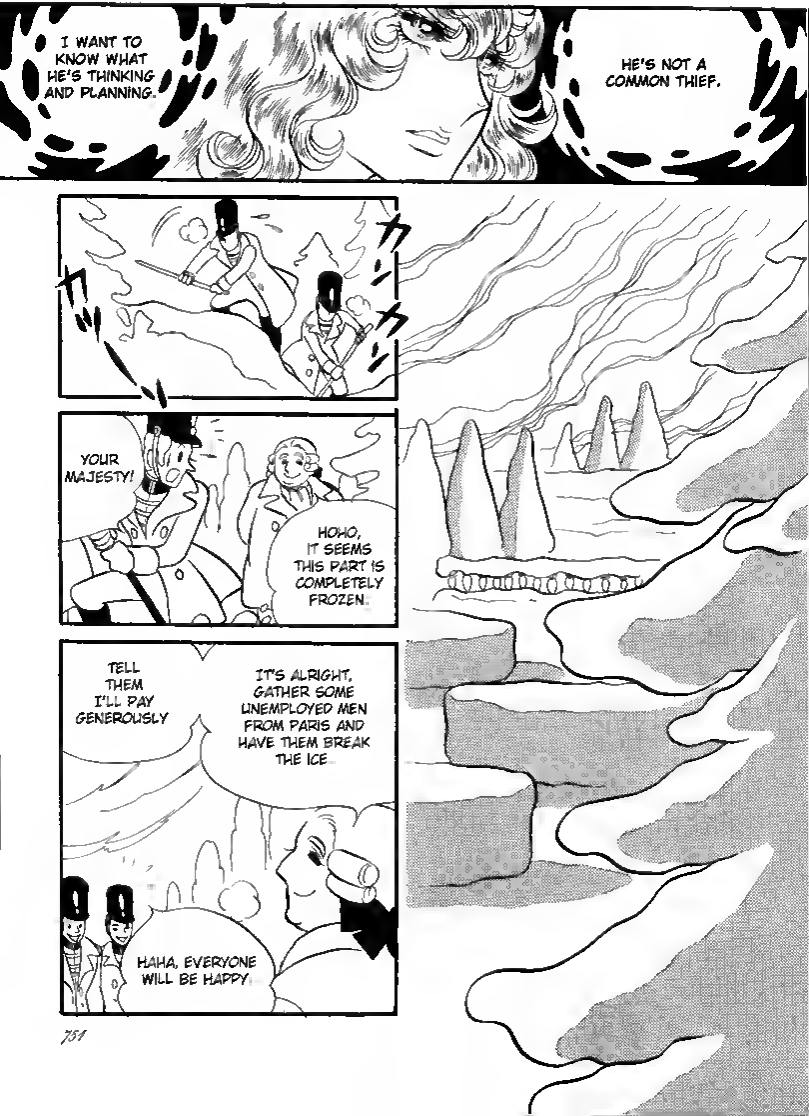
THIS OF COURSE!
-WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO THIS?
DON'T COMPLAIN! THIS IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN BE OF USE AT THIS TIME
LOOKING GOOD! YOU LOOK A LOT LIKE HIM.
OSCAR, WHY DO YOU WANT TO LURE HIM INTO THE JARJEYES'?
I WOULD PREFER TO CATCH HIM WITHOUT THE COURT KNOWING
I WANT TO SPEAK WITH HIM...


I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING AND PLANNING.
HE'S NOT A COMMON THIEF.
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YOUR MAJESTY!
HOHO, IT SEEMS THIS PART IS COMPLETELY FROZEN.
TELL THEM I'LL PAY GENEROUSLY
IT'S ALRIGHT, GATHER SOME UNEMPLOYED MEN FROM PARIS AND HAVE THEM BREAK THE ICE
HAHA, EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPY.

OH!
YOUR MAJESTY! THE QUEEN IS CALLING FOR YOU TO HER CHAMBERS
THE KING SURE IS UNUSUAL
HE DOESN'T HAVE A SINGLE LOVER
THE QUEEN WEARS GORGEOUS FUR COATS,
BUT HE ONLY HAS ONE SIMPLE COAT
HIS PASTIMES ARE HUNTING, READING AND MAKING LOCKS.
AND THE CITIZENS REALLY LIKE HIM.
HM? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PRINCE?
AH! YOUR MAJESTY, LOUIS JOSEPH IS... THE PRINCE IS...

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MOTHER QUEEN.
MOTHER QUEEN...
BASED ON HIS HIGH FEVER AND THE STATE OF HIS SPINE, I WOULD SAY...
THAT HIS MAJESTY THE PRINCE HAS SPINAL CARIES
SPINAL CARIES?!
AH! JOSEPH, JOSEPH, YOUR MOTHER IS HERE!
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SPINAL CARIES... IS THERE NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO SAVE HIM?
THIS CHILD IS GOING TO BECOME THE NEXT KING OF FRANCE...

GOD, THIS CHILD IS NOT EVEN SEVEN YEARS OLD!
OH, THIS IS SO CRUEL!
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IS THERE NOTHING CURRENT MEDICINE CAN DO?!
OH, OSCAR
LADY ANTOINETTE, NOT IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN...
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THEN, PRINCESS MARIE THERESE, PRINCE LOUIS CHARLES
I'LL TAKE YOU OVER THERE...

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN I WAS THE ONE IN CHARGE OF EDUCATING THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS?!
DO NOT INTRUDE, OSCAR!
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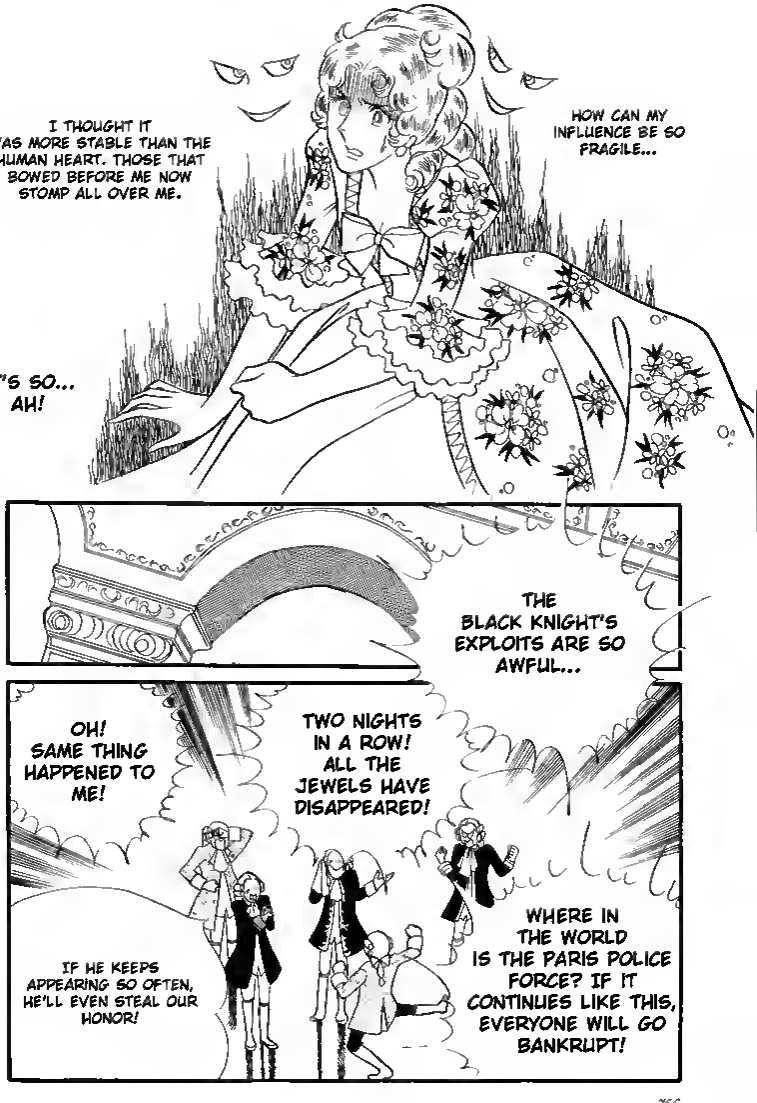
HOW VEXING!
HOW FRUSTRATING!


I THOUGHT IT WAS MORE STABLE THAN THE HUMAN HEART. THOSE THAT BOWED BEFORE ME NOW STOMP ALL OVER ME.
HOW CAN MY INFLUENCE BE SO FRAGILE...
IT'S SO... AH!
THE BLACK KNIGHT'S EXPLOITS ARE SO AWFUL...
OH! SAME THING HAPPENED TO ME!
TWO NIGHTS IN A ROW! ALL THE JEWELS HAVE DISAPPEARED!
IF HE KEEPS APPEARING SO OFTEN, HE'LL EVEN STEAL OUR HONOR!
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE PARIS POLICE FORCE? IF IT CONTINUES LIKE THIS, EVERYONE WILL GO BANKRUPT!

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ANDRE! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO TALENTED AT STEALING!
IT'S NO LAUGHING MATTER! I'M STAKING MY LIFE HERE
BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO ROUGH... AHAHA
BY THE WAY, WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THE STOLEN GEMS?
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THAT'S RIGHT...
WE'LL RETURN THEM ONCE THE BLACK KNIGHT IS CAPTURED, AS A COURTEOUS KNIGHT WOULD DO
TSK. LAUGH IF YOU WANT!
OSCAR, NO ONE WOULD DO SUCH A RECKLESS THING IF IT WASN'T YOU ASKING

LADY OSCAR, THE MASTER IS CALLING FOR YOU.
HE WANTS YOU TO GO IMMEDIATELY TO THE ARMORY.
WHAT? THE ARMORY?
WHAT IS IT, FATHER?
OH, OSCAR
THE 200 GUNS I ORDERED HAVE NOT ARRIVED.
THE CARRIAGE DISAPPEARED ON THE WAY.
GUNS?
AH, THAT GUY!
DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING?
NO, BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL RECOVER THEM SOON.

HELP, IT'S THE BLACK KNIGHT!
IF YOU DON'T APPEAR TONIGHT, YOU'LL HAVE TO BREAK INTO THE JARJEYES' TOMORROW. DAMN!
BLACK KNIGHT.
AH

IT'S THE BLACK KNIGHT!
YOU IMPOSTOR, YOU'RE USING MY NAME FOR YOUR PERSONAL INTERESTS!
I WILL NOT ALLOW IT!
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YOU SAY THAT...
BUT I'M NOT
DOING IT BECAUSE I WANT TO

YOU MUST BE JOKING!
WAIT!

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AH!